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PREFACE.

SEVERAL years ago I bought of the representatives of the late Mr. Daniel Gurney, F.S.A., seventeen volumes of original letters, known as the "Gawdy Papers," and which have now found their way to the British Museum, where they are accessible to the public as Additional MSS.

Before parting with them, my late brother, Mr. Francis Rye, compiled for me a calendar of so much of them as related to the correspondence of the Gawdy and partly of the Le Neve families. The former was published by the Historical MSS. Commission as an appendix to their Tenth Report; the latter, having been completed by my brother's widow, Mrs. Amy Rye, is now printed here.

Possibly similar calendars of the Knyvet, Hare, and other MSS., which form the remainder of the series, may some day see the light.

It may be as well here to print what I know, not only of Oliver Le Neve, but of his better-known brother Peter, and of his two other distinguished kinsmen.[1]

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who was of Tivetshall in 1st Henry IV. (see pedigree in *Trans. Norf. & Norw. Archæol. Soc.*, ii. p. 369).[2]

The name is an old one in the county, and probably shews descent from a "neif," or "female or nativa villein." Certain it is that the family were not of any great importance in the county till a comparatively recent time, for the name does not appear among the *Inquisitions post mortem* till the reign of Henry VIII., and then without the "le," which was re-adopted by the heralds.

Francis Neve, the father of Oliver and Peter, and the son of Firmian Le Neve of Ringland, seems to have sought his fortune in London, and to have married Ann, daughter of Peter Wright, a London merchant, who no doubt gave his Christian name to the herald. He was an upholsterer at the "Crown," near Pope's Head Alley, Cornhill, in 1675-6, and though he is sometimes described as a draper, probably may have been brought to town by his kinsman Sir William, who may have given him funeral work, which not unlikely gave young Peter his taste for heraldry.

Oliver le Neve, sometimes said to have been born about 1663, was, as we shall see, entered at Oxford, 29th January, 1679-80, then aged 18, which would make him born 1661-2.

In 1674, his kinsman, Oliver of Witchingham, who had been a stationer in London, settled this and much other property[3] —said to have been of the then value of £1,500—on him, with remainder to his brother Peter (afterwards the herald).

[2] I do not profess to vouch for the earlier generations of this pedigree. None of those mentioned in it occur in the nineteen fines relating to the Le Neves down to Richard III., the earliest of which is one of Alicia, wife of Geoffrey le Neve, in Walsingham, 18th Henry III.

[3] A novel might well be written on the romantic after-history of the estates so settled, and which afterwards formed the subject of a fiercely-fought law-suit. A John Norris, who was of a Norwich family (and akin to the Anthony Norris, whose splendid collections for Norfolk are so well known, but who, I do not think, ever had any of the ill-gotten wealth obtained by this John) was a barrister, and employed by Oliver of Witchingham to frame this settlement, which, after numerous remainders, contained one to the right heirs of the settlor. This right heir, unknown to the settlor, Norris knew to be one John Neve, a poor blacksmith of London, and within a year of the settlor's death Norris bought all his interest under the settlement for £30, though the annual value was £1500 per annum. As Norris foresaw, both Oliver the first, Peter the second, and Francis the third in the entail, died without male issue, and his descendant, for the nominal sum of £50, obtained property worth in present value above £5000 per annum.

Owing to this change in his prospects, our Oliver was sent to Hart Hall, Oxford, being matriculated there 29th January, 1679-80, when he was said to be 18, which would make him born 1661-2. Before going he seems to have tried to borrow money, though a minor, of John Norris (No. 1256).

In 1691 he was living at Mannington Hall, then being twenty-eight or so.

His fortune, no doubt, made him a welcome suitor for Anne Gawdy, the daughter of Sir John Gawdy by Anne de Grey of Merton, who bore him a child, John, who was baptised 10th July, 1691; but who, after bearing three, died in childbed 18th February, 1695-6. His friend Millicent, who refers to his wife as his cousin (No. 1268) in his letter of condolence, characteristically recommends the "innocent and wholesome recreation of hunting" as a solace.

His literary tastes can be judged by his bookseller's bill on page 13.

In 1694-5 he set up a pack of hounds, fired no doubt by the example of his friend Jack Millicent, who had done so in January, 1693.

Soon after the death of his wife he came up to London, and placed his son Jack in Christ's Hospital. He left a housekeeper, Mrs. Alden (Allen?), at Witchingham.

In 1696 he had a private Bill in Parliament.

In 1697 he lost a son, Millicent this time advising a visit to Newmarket as a solace, and had tertian ague; and he put his son Jack to board with Mr. Ford, from whom there are many letters reporting his health and progress.

In January, 1697-8, he came across the "Darsham ladies"—the Knyvets—at Lady Bedingfield's, at Ditchingham, and marries Jane Knyvet in June, 1698, the licence (23rd April, 1698) describing her as of Darsham, aged 30. She was the fourth daughter of Sir John Knyvet of Ashwellthorpe, by his wife, Mary Bedingfield of Darsham.[4]

Two months later, on the 20th August, 1698, he fights his fatal duel with Sir Henry Hobart. The cause of the dispute seems to have been some remarks which Oliver le Neve was said (which he denied) to have made about Hobart soon after

[4] She must not be confused with the young and comely widow between 19 and 20, worth £1,500, recommended to him by Millicent in July, 1697.

he lost his election for the county the same year. Le Neve seems to have written denying the truth of the allegation, on which Hobart went to Reepham and alleged that Le Neve wrote the letter to avoid fighting. On this, Le Neve wrote a spirited and dignified challenge, which is printed on page 71 of the 2nd volume of *Norfolk Archæology*. The parties met on Cawston Heath, and Hobart was killed.

By the letters printed on pages 54 *et seq.* it is clear Le Neve had to fly the country, and stayed under the name of Richard Johnson at Rotterdam. No. 1567 speaks of the probability of his being sufficiently sick "on that terribly windy Saturday." He was threatened with outlawry, but was well posted up with news by his friends, and was joined by his wife by May. Twelve dozen bottles of nog were sent him to comfort his exile on 27th May, 1699; and half a dozen artichokes on 20th July. Later on he changed his name to Davyes, and his address to the "English Ordinary" at Rotterdam, when he had the good news that the Hobarts were getting cooler, and that the widow he made was about to marry again.

In November he once more changed his alias to that of Captain Janszen, and later on to Mr. Browne, a sword cutler. He seems to have returned and surrendered to avoid outlawry, and to have been acquitted on 6th April, 1700, to the joy of some of his boon companions, who celebrated the news in the usual way. (No. 1610).

On 19th June, 1704, according to her monumental inscription (12th June, 1703, has been wrongly given), his second wife, formerly Knyvet, died without issue and was buried at Witchingham.

It was not long before Oliver was looking out for another wife, and Millicent's letter of 12th December, 1706 (No. 2052) is most amusing. Enquiries were to be made of a family called Sheffield, and Millicent reports £3,000 cash and possible £4,000 more, and the estate would be the fortunes of the two girls. One of them—the eldest—is "tall, well-shaped, mild temper, extraordinary housewife, her father's commands a law, and not acquainted with any young man, her face very agreeable, age 29." The younger sister, "a beautiful face, not tall, much inclined to be fat, and in her temper a perfect stoic, not of so ready or pleasing conversation as the other, her age 26."

Which he married does not appear, but he certainly married one, viz., on 31st July, 1707, to Elizabeth Sheffield, daughter of Robert Sheffield, of Kensington, who died, it is supposed, of an apoplexy, on 8th November following.

By his first wife he had had surviving issue, three daughters and co-heirs of his own estate, but not of the entailed property, which passed to Peter.

From his correspondence, he seems to have had two sons by his first wife, for in 1696 the boys' grandfather, Sir John Gawdy, is mentioned. One of them seems to have been a backward lad, and to have been sent up to Christ's Hospital to a Mr. Ford, who says that he, through having been brought up so much with his grandfather, was chiefly accustomed to signs (No. 1452). The elder boy died in March, 1697, and Ford writes condoling with Le Neve, and hoping that Jack would hereafter take his place. He was teaching Jack his letters with much ado, and bringing him on into the sounds of syllables and such words as his memory would admit.

By next year the boy seems to have made great progress, for Ford reports that he will soon be the wonder of mankind, that he counts up to 30 and divides up to 10, and his hearing had greatly improved. A month later he had an attack of convulsions and fever, and was blistered by an apothecary, and plastered on his feet. Whether this was the result of his "getting wet to the skin and cold at heart," as the Witchingham housekeeper says he came home (No. 2142), does not appear. On hearing of his illness, Peter Le Neve's wife seems to have come down to Ford—then at the Charterhouse—and declared the boy had the itch and was starved, to the great wrath of Ford (1548), who denies he ever called the boy a "dog" or let him stop in bed till noon, and says what was thought to be the itch was where the cat had scratched him when he cut her tail off (!).

Among the undated letters is an amusing one (2261) from Mrs. Peter, with her view of Ford, whom she calls a bragging fool, and from what she says it would seem that when she called to see the boy when he was ill she found nobody with him, so she took him home with her.

Anyhow, Le Neve took the boy away, and 1701-2 he was placed with a Mr. Joseph Hayton in London, who writes

(No. 1703) referring to the plentiful provision Le Neve was allowing him for educating his son.

By March, 1704-5, the boy was very ill, for Millicent writes his father that he "hopes poor Jacky may live, yet that's uncertain." The lad seems to have got round and to have been a favourite. He was in the country, at Millicent's, on 13th March, 1709-10, and he writes that "Everybody is of opinion that your little boy here is a brave boy, and every day improves him in every kind, but so full of roguery we know not what to do with him, but much less without him; his tongue, hands, and legs are always in motion all day." (No. 2083).

They were not to be so for long, however, for he had been ill and was getting well again by the 11th June, and Millicent writes that on Saturday and Sunday they concluded he would die, he lay in such miserable torment.

By May, 1711, he was ill again, and on the 10th July he died, apparently in his father's lodgings at an apothecary's in Henrietta Street, Covent Garden (No. 2108).

Le Neve went back to Witchingham, and was followed by a strange letter telling him that when the bed his son died in was taken down to be scoured and used, a little linen purse was found pinned behind the bed head and the lining, in which was 30s. 6d. in silver and half-a-guinea folded in paper, judged to be in his hand.

Oliver did not long survive, dying also of apoplexy, 21st November, 1711.

His life was that of a typical country gentleman of his time. He seems to have been devotedly fond of hunting and horse-racing, not averse to the pleasures of the table, and a great gardener and planter. A short analysis of some of the entries under these four heads may not prove uninteresting.

His taste for hunting, I should fancy, sprang from his friend Millicent, who had a pack to sell in 1693. It would seem he began with beagles (p. 28), as to which I will say more presently. In February, 1694-5, Millicent recommends a pack of sixteen couples, owned by a Mr. Meade, to Le Neve, which a Dutchman had lately looked at, but found not deep-mouthed enough, "he wanting Bovers only and slower."[5] He also recommends a

[5] A German, however, bought them eventually for thirty guineas.

huntsman who served Mr. Dent, and then Mr. Black, of Herts, "an excellent huntsman, blows a horn rarely, and a good groom, a very mettled and stout fellow, and rides under 12 stone."

He tells Le Neve, however, that he must not expect to keep the hounds in kennel free from mange, and the horses in stable without the help of a stout boy, to get in the straw and boil dogs' meat, &c., which must be done whilst the huntsman is out with the pack. This boy, he suggests, could look after the hounds, while the huntsman goes about with Le Neve as groom (!).

Whether Le Neve bought a pack *en bloc* does not appear. He had a couple of whelps from Captain Mason—called Topper and Jollyboy—extraordinary whelps of his own breeding (1381).

He got John Cock, the huntsman recommended by Millicent, and his late master, Mr. Dent, gave him a hound or two to bring with him (1380).

In 1693 there were "multitudes" of hares in the little woods from Reepham to Ling, and he was invited to help draw the coveys by Earle.

About 1694 there was a dispute about the ownership of a beagle claimed by Earle and Millicent, and said to be either "Sempetris" or "Comely," and said to belong to Mr. Coleman of Bury, and to be bred by Thomas Spring. Millicent did not want "Beauty," as she was too tall and long, and looks strangely in his pack. Mr. Walsingham wanted a deep-mouthed (beagle?) to breed.

In 1695 a Mr. Harrison of West Wickham (Cambridge), claimed two beagles—"Singer" and "Curious"—which one Wakelin had been rascal enough to sell Le Neve, when he was over at Cambridge at Captain Millicent's, and hopes he will take his money back and not keep the dogs.

In 1696 Millicent sends him a hound—"Flurry"—and Fountaine sends him another. Later on in the same year Bladwell writes him that Charles Starkey's young beagle will do no good, it has a worse tongue than "Pallasse," and that three of "Lovely's" whelps are not worth bringing up, but that the two at Felmingham are fine ones and now begin to plague a warrener. Another letter from the same says that Mr. Seaborne is parting with his beagles, and that "Ruler" and "Ringwood"

were spoiled, and "Dido," "Doxey," "Jewel," and "Little Lady" must hunt no more that season.

Next year (1697) his pack must have been well established, for Sir Horatio Pettus begs a hound of him (1509), and Thomas Lake also begs some specially like "Duchess" (2274).

His flight abroad after the duel no doubt interrupted his sport, and the next reference to hunting is in a letter from John Rous of Henham, who complained that there were too many foxes in his country, so they are apt to change, but run the thickest when very well. The same correspondent tells of a hunting expedition to Essex, where his friend left his strong horse lame behind him.

He, no doubt, soon set to work getting up another pack, for in 1701 Millicent sends him another couple of beagles, and Fuller some more. Ten years later (1710-11) we shall find him keeping beagles. "Mr. Recorder" sending him some, of which "Lady and Phillida are of the same litter as your black and white bitch Countess." An undated letter (2217) from A. Halcott, of Litcham, thanks Le Neve for "little Gipsy," which he thinks will be the finest beagle in England. "Jewell" and "Tinkler" are mentioned in letters 2220-1, and Duchess in 2274.

In 1705 he was looking out for a huntsman, and has a young fellow who blows a horn and has been used to hounds, and speaks very well to them—he weighs about 10 stone. Next year Mr. Lake, of Wisbech, begs hounds of him.

In the same year he gets news of a wonderful chase of near 30 miles, apparently in Surrey, in which 100 ran, and in which "Hubbard's horse that won our plate was killed on the spot, and for the honour of old Ball he brought the fox back half-a-mile before any of the company came in" (2050).

In 1707 a correspondent says it is sorrowful news to hear that Le Neve intended to part with the finest pack of beagles in England (1991).

In 1707-8 he seems to have sold horse and hounds to Hare, of Stow, for thirty guineas (2012 and 2238) after a haggle, in which the buyer says the "dogs" do not not size his old hounds as well as he could wish.

Soon after, however, he seems to have got together another pack, Wm. Newman offering him three or four couples, if he

wanted so many, Le Neve having been so kind to give him some when he first set up his pack (2075).

Among the undated ones is a letter (2217) thanking Le Neve for "Little Gipsy" which he thinks will be the finest beagle in England, and another referring to another beagle he had sent, as running very fast, but not striving in the least, as having a very fine nose, which she would use at its lowest scent, but did not come so well as the writer would a harrier (2217), from which it would almost seem that harrier and beagle were then synonymous terms. This beagle is said to be out of the best.

Horse riding, of course, forms a very usual subject of correspondence. References to the colt "Cradle," the stallion "Flint," the "Gelder," "Old Chuff," brother to the famous "Why Not," and others will be found in the index. Their wind is said to be cured by their being fed in salt marshes.

There are a good many references to Newmarket and its races, and a few to "cocking" and shooting—though not so much as might have been expected. Looker writes in October, 1705, that he had been a-shooting at Swanton (still a famous game preserve) and killed five pheasants, and "never had so good spaniels as I am like to have this winter, for none of them will hunt out of gun shot." Rook shooting is mentioned once, and the death of a hare is specially chronicled.

Fishing seems, however, to have been the chief sport, and especially netting, though a very fine "pole"—still the Norfolk for fishing rod—is mentioned in 1707. Looker and Lubbock got seventeen picks (pikes) at a drag—Lubbock in one draught, near the mill gates at Lyng, got twenty to twenty-four bushels, mostly roach, some "dear" (dare or dace), and a brace of pretty long bream. He put into the pond four brace of very good pike, the bream, a leash of perch, and half a bushel of flat fish. He seem to have been the chief fisherman, for at Lyng on another occasion he brought home six brace of very good pike; some "noble trout" are also mentioned, and Mr. White is said to feed the Barham family almost daily with large trout. Carp were sent alive to Witchingham, but died in transit, though packed in a tub with courses of rye straw mixed with grass, but

succeeded better another time, though the tench died except in the greenhouse pond, where the water was warm.

The store of salt fish used is very curious to note. Five tubs of sturgeon are mentioned in one letter, a barrel of cod in another, and two barrels of sturgeon, and a tub of pickled herrings. A barrel of cod cost £2. 11*s.* 0*d.* in 1703, and new sturgeon 15*s.* a keg. It is strange to see that "a couple of old lings" were sent as a present in 1703-4.

Traces of his gardening tastes often occur. Two "Newington peaches and three good plums" are priced at 7*s.*, bundles of gooseberry and currant plants are sent from Reepham, slips of "heartychoaks" (how ancient is that fine old joke) are begged, lime trees are bought from Cheshunt—still a favourite place for nurseries, bay trees are asked for at Yarmouth—no doubt new as now from Holland, and hollies from Cheshunt were priced at what seems now the enormous sum of 2*s.* 6*d.* each for plants 2 ft. 6 in. high. Very fine melon seeds come to Le Neve from one correspondent, and almonds from another, while Lambert Nelson (could he have been ancestor of the late Rev. J. G. Nelson of Aldborough, the great daffodil grower?) sent him six cardinal flowers, which in two years' time he said might increase with care to fifty. Asparagus and hollyhocks come from another friend. Le Neve, after some trouble, got cuttings from Captain Nelson's pear trees, of which he had five very fine French sorts, and also a pear called "winter burres" (beurre), "which is better than the best of that kind, and keeps to January or longer in kind years."

On the other hand, Le Neve is asked to spare some box to one correspondent, and "three or four inlays of your carnations that will not break, the white ones edged with red and purple will be most acceptable."

From the above I should imagine that there was a great deal of exchanging plants and roots among friends, in the absence of regular nursery gardens. "Tuberose" was bought from London, but had not come to hand by the 10th of March.

Gardener's wages were £16 a year and his expenses from London.

His idea of a garden wall, which was to be 12 feet high, was an ambitious one, and a friend advises him against it.

His farming operations are interesting, especially the entries which refer to turnip culture in Norfolk at a date long anterior to the time of "Turnip Townshend," who is supposed to have introduced the root to the county. May it not have been that Le Neve saw the advantage of its culture during his enforced sojourn abroad after his duel, and brought back the idea with him. Anyhow, it was being planted in 1698, but did not take on as an esculent, as will be seen by an amusing paragraph at p. 109. The fattening value of turnips is shewn by the fact that his bailiff bought 400 sheep and 21 bullocks "fed abroad with turnip" at St. Faith's fair.

Cattle are in 1707 said to die very fast hereabout with the "flote" of grass that comes. Clover is in full cultivation, and cost 9*d.* a lb.—"right Holland seed." The hirer of the town lands of Sall is complained of for very knavishly driving the land out of tune by sowing oats upon oats.

Those curious in the history of the wine trade in England will find much to interest them. Claret—"Clover," Florence and Frontenac, Mountain, Red Vienna, White Wine and White Lisbon all occur; while of Ports there were common draught, Lisbon, Anadre, Galitid, neat, red, and white. Some were dear enough, *e.g.*, Red Mountain could not be bought at London retail under 5*s.* a quart—a high price, considering the relative value of money. Drunkenness seems to have been very prevalent, and steady drinking bouts very common. Norfolk "nog" occurs, as might be expected.[6]

[6] The humour throughout is what one might expect from men given to heavy potations. One really must have been fuddled to appreciate such good old jokes as "hearty chokes" for artichokes, "necessitas non habet legs," and "Burstem all" for Burstall. One correspondent signs himself as "your old dog in a string" (p. 114), and lawyers are found to go to the devil (p. 149).

To the Norfolk genealogist, the statement that Mrs. Dorothy Walpole "is the most beautifulest young lady I ever saw," is interesting.

Peter Le Neve (born 1660-1, died 1729), his brother, was born in London, on the 21st January, 1660-1, and baptised at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th February, 1660-1; though it is strange that the Merchant Taylors' Register gives the birth date as 2nd February, 1661-2. He was educated at Merchant Taylors, entering there 11th March, 1672-3.

In 1675-6 his father is described as an upholsterer of the "Crown," Cornhill, and it well may be that he got his first taste for heraldry from his father supplying scutcheons and pennons for funerals.

He had, I believe, early shown a taste for genealogy, for in my library is a MS., apparently in his writing, being "a transcript of a book belonging to Sir Philip Woodhouse, made in 1680."

At the age of twenty he was left an orphan, his father dying in 1681, then being resident at the "Harrow" in the Poultry, "against the White Horse in Paternoster Row."

Soon after his father's death, he seems to have moved to Warwick Lane, where John Norris wrote to him, addressing him, by the way, as "Peter Neve," which would seem to show he had not yet renewed the "Le."

His abnormal powers of working very rapidly took him to the front, for in 1687, when he was only twenty-six, he was elected President of the Antiquarian Society, on its revival in that year, an office which he held for nearly forty years, resigning in 1724, having held it for thirty-seven years. He was also a Member of the Royal Society.

It is not exactly known when he began the immense and careful calendars of the records relating to his own county of Norfolk, which form the basis of his work; but it must have been some time before 1689, by which date he had completed a careful calendar of the fines of that county, down to the reign of Edward II.

On the 17th January, 1689-90, he was made Rouge Croix Pursuivant.

In 1694-5 he was suffering from fistula, apparently in London, and in the same year probably took part in the Queen's interment. (*Le Neve's Letters.*)

In 1696 he was at Doctors Commons, no doubt at the College, and was well enough off to offer pecuniary help to his friend Millicent, who afterwards quarrelled with him.

From 1696-8 he was corresponding with Tanner, offering to help him with his description of Wilts, encouraging the undertaking of the *Bibliotheca*, and helping him with the *Notitia* and the *Monasticon*. (*Tanner's MSS.* Bodl.)

His brother Oliver soon after got into great trouble, having killed Sir Henry Hobart, father of John Hobart, 1st Earl of Bucks, in a duel, and had to leave the country, and Le Neve for several years watched his interests in England with great care and zeal, and ultimately arranged for his safe return to England.

In 1698 he transcribed and annotated the *Visitation of Norfolk*, made by Bysshe in 1664. (*Rye MSS.*)

By 1701 he had made great progress in his projected *History of Norfolk*, for in a note to his *Fines Calendar of Edward II.* he mentions that he had transcribed the book into the several towns, alphabetically.

In 1702 he reported on the Calthorpe MSS. (*Hist. MSS. Commission*, 11th Rep., App. 7, p. 113.)

He was still hard at work at the records in 1703, for (letter No. 1770) he refers jocularly to his being so "devout a person that he intends to be altogether in the chapel where he lay the papers." No doubt the Rolls Chapel. In conjunction with John Lowe he reported on MSS. in the Chapter House. (*Hist. MSS. Commission*, ii. p. 125.)

On the 5th April, 1704, he was made Richmond Herald, and in the following May, 1704, Norroy King at Arms. (*Luttrell's Diary* v. p. 426.)

He had been by this time appointed one of the Deputy Chamberlains of the Exchequer, and this was probably the "Receivership" which he lost in 1705-6, when he was under some sort of a cloud.

Between 1703 and 1706 he seems to have been very ill and unable to get about, for when Millicent visited him (letter No. 1800), he "found great disorders upon the account of his too great acquaintance with a person you and I talked about, and I fear not without a thorough cause."

Another letter (1804) talks of "the imputation under which poor Peter lies," of his having been sick.

Soon after (in 1704) Millicent quarrelled with him, and says that "Kingship or something has much altered poor Peter," but, later on, in (No. 2020), speaks of his suddenly changing from mighty strangeness to great civility.

In 1706 he was sent to take the Garter to the young Prince of Hanover (No. 2024), Prince Ernest of Osnaburgh. In September his cold was better, and he was brisk and well. He went round to market to see if he could fancy anything, but all things were indifferent to him.

He was, no doubt, again ill in 1706, for we find him going to Bath, probably for the waters. The next year he was much worse, and he moved to Burlington House (?), where he had a nurse and was described in a letter as being "more likely to die than live."

Soon after he seems to have moved to Bow, as appears from an anecdote given in another letter (No. 2255.)

It may be presumed that he was in comfortable circumstances during the last few years of his life, for on the death of his brother Oliver in 1711, he succeeded him in his Norfolk properties.

In 1717 he was living in Soho Square and thinking of letting Witchingham (2121-2).

His first wife having died, he married again in 1727, to Frances, daughter of Robert Berston, a miller, who afterwards married "Honest Tom Martin" (see *Suckling's Suffolk*, i. p. 206, for his career), but did not long survive, dying on the 24th Sept., 1729, and on the 1st Oct. was buried at Great Witchingham, without leaving issue by either wife.

By his will, dated the 5th May, 1729 (printed in *Nichols*, i. p. 415) he directed that a plain marble slab should be set up inside the church opposite his grave, but this, to the shame of local antiquaries, has never been done. Instead of it, indeed, someone has written after the entry of the burial in the parish register, this:—

"An Epitaph on Peter Neve, Norroy,
Who lived and dyed an Infidel.
Here, under neath this spacious stone,
Lies Peter Neve, that faithless one;
His Life and Death declared the man,
Deny it Neighbour, if ye can."

As his will gives quaint directions against giving rings, hanging walls with black, or the employment "of any undertaker of funerals, alias cold cooks," it is not impossible this may be the posthumous revenge of some of the fraternity.

As to his personal character, we can guess him to have been jovial, free and easy, fond of sporting and the pleasures of the table, like "Honest Tom Martin," the other Norfolk antiquary, who succeeded alike to his widow and his MSS. He was liberal, for we have seen him volunteering to lend money, and he kindly paid for the keep of a distant kinsman's baby (*Diary*), and there certainly was no false pride about him, for he chronicles a tailor namesake just as carefully as he would have done the death of a lord.

In religion he considered himself Unitarian: others, we have seen, considered him an Atheist. His so-called creed is printed in *Notes and Queries*, 2nd series, xii. p. 105.

Like his cousin, the author of the "*Monumenta*," he was well connected, through his brother Oliver's wife or rather wives, being one a Gawdy, and the other a Knyvett.

His own wives belonged to no gentle families, the first being Prudence, the daughter of John Hughes, a Bristol merchant (who seems to have been a shrew, if we may judge from the *Le Neve Letters*), and his second, Frances, the daughter of Robert Berston [qy. Beeston], a miller.

The curious circumstance under which the latter soon after married "Honest Tom Martin" of Palgrave, are well known, and not very edifying, and it is to be hoped that Martin took on himself the burden of the elderly widow from a disinterested desire to acquire possession of her late husband's MSS., for the benefit of future generations of Norfolk antiquaries. How sadly his good intentions—if they ever existed—failed; and how he was himself forced by circumstances to wreck the collection by sale, is matter of local history.

Le Neve's industry in collecting was extreme, though strangely enough I cannot trace that he, like his predecessor, ever printed a line, though at one time he contemplated additions to *Camden's Britannia*.

He devoted nearly all his life to compiling calendars and collecting material for a history of Norfolk and its families, the like of which have never been made for any other county, and

which form the backbone of the well-known county history, begun by Blomefield, and completed by Parkin. Much of this is at the Bodleian, while other parts, viz., for the Hundred of Clackclose, E. Flegg, Freebridge, Mitford, and Walsham, are in the British Museum, in the possession of the Norfolk and Norwich Archæological Society, and of a private firm in Norwich.

Some of his diary and memoranda on Heraldry, which were given by his literary executor, Tom Martin, to the Rev. Thos. Carthew, were communicated to the *Topographer and Genealogist* (iii. p. 25 *et seq.*), and the *Trans. of the Norf. and Nor. Arch. Soc.* (ii. 23, 111, 369) by the late Mr. G. A. Carthew.

But as said above, he chiefly turned his attention to his own county, as to which the following are, or rather were (as some are missing), some of his collections.

To begin with, he carefully calendared all the early Fines of Norfolk, viz.:—

Richard I. (Martin's Sale, No. 4538, now bought by the Record Office.)
John to Henry VII. (*id.* No. 4450, these priced at 10/6.)
Henry VIII. (*id.* No. 4621.)
Edward I. (*id.* No. 4667.)
Edward III. (*id.* No. 4670.)
John to Edward II., a folio vol. of 297 pp., done in the year 1689, and now in my library.

He also copied and noted *Harvey's Visitation of Norfolk*, 1563, the MS. being in the possession of General Bulwer, and *Bysshe's Suffolk Visitation of* 1664, now Rye MS. No. 15.

Others of his compilations were:—

A Dictionary of the Arms of the Gentry of Norwich and Norfolk, with explanations, coats, armours, and drawings (Martin's No. 4458, when it was priced at £1. 1*s.* 0*d.*)
An Ordinary of Arms, containing many hundred arms, properly blazened, &c. (*id.* No. 4468, priced at 27*s.*)
An Alphabet of Arms, &c. (*id.* No. 4519.)
Le Neve's Ordinary of Arms, a folio MS. with some thousand coats of Arms (*id.* No. 4606.)
Grants of Arms, by Peter Le Neve (*id.* No. 4613.)

Notes from the Pipe Rolls relating to Norfolk and Suffolk, from Henry II. to Edward III. (*id.* No. 4512), *and Copies of Norfolk Pipe Rolls* (*id.* No. 4518.)

Norfolk Patents (*id.* No. 4541.)

Placitæ Coronæ, Quo Warranto, Jurat et Asis. in Norfolk, temp. Ed. I. (*id.* No. 4602.)

Proofs, Pedigrees, and Names of Families, by Mr. Le Neve, a very large collection (*id.* No. 4653.)

I believe I am correct in also ascribing to him a volume of *Norfolk Pedigrees*, folio, pp. 86, with arms in colours, and a transcript of a Roll of Arms (*Rye MSS.*, No. 22.)

His catalogue of Knights (*Harl. MS.* 5801), has been printed for the Harleian Society by Dr. Marshall, but a similar work in 3 vols. on Baronets is still in MS., belonging to the Heralds' College, where it is part of their stock.

Sir William Le Neve (born about 1600, died 1661), the first of the three well-known kinsmen, whose tastes and possibly their affinities led them into genealogical studies, and whose identities have often been confounded,[7] was the son and heir of William Le Neve of Aslacton, by his first wife, the daughter of John Aldham of Shimpling.

The date of his birth is unknown, but, as his father died in 1609, it cannot have been later than that year, and probably before 1600, as he was appointed Mowbray Herald in 1622.

It has been assumed by the Editor of the "*Admissions to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge*" (London, 1887), that he was the William Le Neve who was educated at Norwich School and that College, who was described as the son of Geoffrey Neve of Aslacton, aged sixteen in 1624; but apart from the fact that we know Sir William was the son of another William, and not

[7] For example, the editor of the *Norfolk Tour*, p. 101, confounds Sir William with his cousin Peter Le Neve, and erroneously states that it was to the numerous collections of "this industrious antiquary" that Blomefield owes much of the valuable matter introduced into his *History of Norfolk;* and no less a careful writer than J. G. Nichols, of whom I am proud to consider myself a pupil, and whose kindness and encouragement to all young antiquaries formed so pleasant a trait in his character, confused Peter Le Neve with the Rev. John Le Neve, in his *Topog. and Genealogist*, vol. iii. p. 48, when he ascribed to him the authorship of his *Monumenta Anglicana*, which is by John Le Neve.

of a Geoffry, his Norwich namesake had a brother (also of Caius), who was twenty in 1630, and so born in 1610.

He was appointed Mowbray Herald Extraordinary under a warrant dated 24th June, 1622 (*Ashmolean MSS.* 857, p. 343); York Herald, 25th Nov. 1625; Norroy, Dec. 1633; and Clarenceux, 23rd June, 1635, having been previously knighted at Whitehall 23rd April, 1634. 10th Feb. 1625-6, he had had a general pardon, then described as York Herald. (*Addl. Ch.* 29, 153.)

In 1640 he was in correspondence with Christopher Hatton. (*Hist. MSS. Comm.*)

In 1643 he is said to have been sent by Charles I. on the day before the battle of Edgehill, to the Parliamentary army under the Earl of Essex, "with a proclamation of pardon to all such as would lay down their arms, but when he offered to read it aloud, the earl reproved him with much roughness; for obeying which order he was very uneasy ever afterwards,"—though perhaps not as uneasy as he would have been had he disregarded it.

In 1651 he was assessed at £150.

His mental powers failing him, he was declared to be a lunatic in Oct., 1658, and Sir Edward Walker (Garter), was empowered to execute his office. Not long after he died at Hoxton, on 15th August, 1661, and was buried at St. Benet's, Paul's Wharf, without having been married. I cannot trace that he ever published anything, though in *Ashmolean MS.* 1113, p. 225 *et seq.*, there is "a short account of the life and actions of King Edward III., and of his son Edward, Prince of Wales," by him.

The Reverend John Le Neve[8] (born 27th Dec., 1679, died 1741), whose father John, in his will called Peter Le Neve his kinsman, but whose relationship to the latter's family has not yet been traced, was born 27th Dec., 1679, in Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, his father being John Le Neve, his mother Amy, the daughter of John Bent, merchant and tailor, of London; his grandfather being another John Le Neve, who was first of Cavendish in Suffolk, and then of St. Martin's in the Fields.

He was his father's only son and heir, and came into some

[8] He named one of his sons Peter (*Norf. Archy.* ii. p. 396.)

little property at his death. He was well connected, for his father's first wife was Frances Monk, first cousin to the Duke of Albemarle, and his brother Richard was a sea captain, who died gallantly in action with the Dutch in 1673, and was buried in Westminster Abbey; while his other brother Edmund, was a barrister of the Middle Temple.

His mother died when he was eight years old, and he was sent to Eton as an oppidan when he was twelve. His father died when he was fourteen, and he was left under the guardianship of his kinsman, Peter Le Neve.

From Eton he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was admitted in 1694, and matriculated in 1696, but left without a degree.

Soon after—in 1698-9 (Mar. Lic. 25th Jan., 1698-9)—at St. George's, Southwark, he married his first cousin Frances, second daughter of Thomas Boughton, of King's Cliffe, Northampton, and Elizabeth Le Neve, sister of the bridegroom's father, by whom he had eight children. (*Foster's Leaves*).

His first work, singularly enough not mentioned in Duffus Hardy's long life of him, seems to have been issued in 1712-4, under the title of *Memoirs, British and Foreign, of the Lives and Families of the most Illustrious Persons who died in the years 1711 and 1712*, 2 vols. 8vo. One can hardly doubt that this was suggested to him by his kinsman Peter, whose collections we shall see were freely at his service when he published the *Monumenta*, as he often acknowledges.

The same remark applies to his greatest work, the *Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ*, or an essay towards a regular succession of all the principal dignitaries, &c., published in 1716, in folio, a work of immense labour,[9] and one which hardly had fair acknowledgment from Hardy when he issued his edition in 3 vols. 8vo. (Oxford, 1854), in the preface to which he somewhat boastfully refers to the new edition containing 30,000 entries as against Le Neve's 11,051; conveniently forgetting his very different opportunities,

[9] Le Neve utilised Bishop Kennett's "*Collections*," and Browne Willis said the bishop was its real compiler. But this is an exaggeration. Le Neve chiefly depended on original researches, which he pursued at a time when documentary evidence was difficult of access. The reception of the book did not encourage him to undertake a supplement, but before the end of the century twenty copies, fully annotated and brought up to date by eminent antiquaries were extant. John Gutch was strongly urged to edit a new edition (*cf.* Nichols, *Lit. Illustrations*, v. 342-4).

and the mass of material that had been printed during the century and a half which had elapsed between the two compilations.

In the same year, whether before or after the *Fasti* is not clear, he issued the *Life of Dr. Field, Dean of Gloucester* (London, 8vo.), but of this he is said only to have written the preface.

In 1716 he issued *Some Short Memorials concerning the Life of R. Field, Rector of Stourton* (1716, 8vo.), but whether this and the last are identical I do not know.

In 1717 he published, avowedly as "a specimen of a much larger work," *Monumenta Anglicana*, being inscriptions on the monuments of several eminent persons deceased in or since the year 1700, to the end of the year 1715, deduced into a series of time by way of annals; at the end of which year is added an obituary of some memorable persons who died therein, whose inscriptions (if any yet set up) are not come to hand. This is a very neatly printed 8vo. vol. of 306 pp., without reckoning the index. His death notices are largely taken from *MSS. P. L.*, which, no doubt, is Peter Le Neve MS. Diary, afterwards printed in part by the late Mr. Carthew in the *Transactions of the Norf. and Norw. Arch. Soc.* Many of the inscriptions were communicated by the masons who set them up. In his preface he states he was incited to begin the work by *Weever's Funeral Monuments*, pub. in 1631, and I expect his idea was to work back to meet this period, and in this he succeeded, his five vols. reaching to 1600, and thus overlapping Weever by nearly a generation. This preface is an extremely modest and sensible one, and gives one a very favourable idea of him.

In 1718 he kept a promise he made in the preface to his first vol. by issuing separately two more vols. of 200 and 210 pp. respectively, covering the periods 1650-1679 and 1680-1699. In the preface to the first he mentions that, apparently by request, he only gives new matter, and does not reprint corrected copies of inscriptions already printed. He states in an advertisement in the second that he was making collections for two vols. more, to cover 1600-1649, which he promises shall be put in the press by Michaelmas Day at farthest.

In 1719 he printed such collection (1600-1649), but in one vol. only (pp. 234) and announced that he was making collections of

the same sort, beginning at the year 1500, but (though he made collections, see *Harl. MSS.* 3605-3616) he never printed here, but later in the year he issued a vol. (pp. 234) containing a supplement of monuments between 1650 to 1718, "collected since the publication of the former volumes."

At the same time he issued proposals for printing *The Lives and Characters . . . . of all the Protestant Bishops of the Church of England since the Reformation, as settled by Queen Elizabeth, Anno Dom. 1559, by J. L., gent.*

Of the work he published two parts in 1720, but all were unsuccessful from a money point of view, and he soon got into pecuniary difficulties, so presumably on the suggestion of the Bishop of Ely, to whom his *Fasti* had been dedicated, he went into the Church, and was presented by his patron to the Lincolnshire rectory of Thornton-le-Moor, and was imprisoned for insolvency in Lincoln gaol, in Dec., 1722. By a singular irony of fate, the actual date of his death, which is believed to have taken place in 1741, is unknown, and if he ever had a monument raised to him who noted the monuments of so many others, it is not now to be seen, the chancel being boarded over. Anyhow, he was dead by the 23rd May, 1741, when his successor was appointed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

RELATING TO THE

FAMILY OF OLIVER LE NEVE,

OF WITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK,

From 1675 to 1695.

NOTE.—Oliver Le Neve is connected with the Gawdys by his marriage with Anne, daughter of Sir John Gawdy.

CALENDAR OF LE NEVE LETTERS.

[THE FIRST FORTY LETTERS ARE WRITTEN DURING OLIVER'S MINORITY, AND ARE FOR THE MOST PART ADDRESSED TO HIS FATHER, FRANCIS NEVE.] Le Neve MSS.

1675.

1223.—26 July, 1675. **John Norris**, Norwich, to [**Frances Neve**].

Would willingly venture four combes more of sanfoin, but will not give more than 15*s.* per combe. Please speak with Mottershed about it now the new seed has come in. (2, No. 187.)

1224.—7 Nov., 1675. **John Hickes** to **Oliver Le Neve** at Witchingham (to be left at Mr. Havers, Goldsmith, Norwich).

About a missing box and three caps. Hickes sent them on 12 Sept., by Thomas Sowthgate. On hearing they had not arrived he enquired at the carrier's, at the Green Dragon, Bishopsgate, who said that the things lay at the warehouse at Nonnel's, waiting for Le Neve to send for them. (2, No. 190.)

Post-marks

1225.—27 Dec., 1675. **Jeremy Norris**, Norwich [brother of John Norris], to **Francis Neve** [London, Draper, father of Peter and Oliver Le Neve].

Intends to send Neve 100 pieces of broad chintz very suddenly. Perceives that Neve has received £27. 12*s.* 6*d.* of Mr. Watts. Norris has drawn on him for £20 in favour of Dr. John Miles (once Chancellor to the Bishop of Norwich). Has now received all his pack cloths. Saw one of Mr. Oliver Neve's family to-day. (2, No. 192.)

1675-6.

1226.—28 Jan., 1675-6. **Jeremy Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve**, the Crown, Cornhill, Upholsterer.

Mr. Thomas Knights, to whom Norris sold the 100 pieces of broad chintz, gave his note for them, which Norris assigned to Thomas Lambe of London. Knights refused to accept the note, and now asks two months' forbearance. This is a great dishonour, and Norris will require security. If Neve cannot get it, arrest and put him to special bail. "If he will not give security by fair means, he must by foul means." Do not threaten him with arrest, but do it. (2, No. 191.)

Le Neve MSS. 1227.—4 Feb., 1675-6. **Jeremy Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve** [London].

Has received Neve's letter. Let Knights seal the bond and make his brother a party, and send it down for the latter to seal at Norwich. If not done by return of post, "he shall hear from me by a hand that he will not like . . . you know how many hundred pounds I lately lost by my slowness." The brother who lives at Norwich is a hosier, Richard Knights. (2, No. 193.)

1228.—10 Mar., 1675-6. **Jeremy Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve**, the Crown, Cornhill.

Is glad Mr. Watts was about to pay Neve. Norris draws on him for £55, payee Mr. Richard Norwich at 5 days' sight. Norwich lives in Juin(?) Street, and was partner with William Gostling. As to Jeremy's brother Anthony, he says he told Geo. Robbins to pay Neve the 4*s.* 6*d.* as he goes to the Exchange. Tell Capt. Nicholls, Norris gave his letter to his tenant. (2, No. 189.)

1229.—24 Mar., 1675-6. **John Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve**, the Crown, near Pope's Head Alley, by the Exchange, London.

"My cousin Neve and we have had several debates about our daughter Betty, who is now fifteen or more, that she might see a little further than country breeding. The putting of her to London schools we have little opinion of, but at last we resolved to let her be a year at London, so as we could prevail with my cousin, your good wife, to let her be in her house, whose prudent directions we shall always listen to for her better breeding." Begs a reply before Monday fortnight, when a friend is going up to London with whom she could go. (2, No. 186.)

1676.

1230.—27 Mar., 1676. **Jeremy Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve**, the Crown, Cornhill.

Has received Neve's of the 21st. Thanks him for paying the bill to Mr. Norwich. Is only too sensible of the "sadness of the present time," nevertheless, trusts to Neve's knowledge of men's position and credit. Hopes Captain Nicholls will help Neve to get the goods sold, as Norris will be loth to remove them before Neve earned his commission. They may be sold at 32*s.* 6*d.* a piece, but Norris hopes he will get 33*s.* Is told the day of marriage is set between "your cousin Neve" and Mrs. Blackborne. It was feared Mrs. Neve would have bled to death at the nose, she lost seven or eight pounds of blood before it was stanched. (2, No. 200.)

1231.—1 June, 1676. **John Norris**, Norwich, to **[Francis Neve]**.

Has perused Ewster's lease. Neve's action against Ewster's administrator will not lie, unless he either entered or took the profits, or hath assets, or unless the house is worth more than the rent reserved. (Memo. indorsed). Mr. Buckley entered upon Ewster's house about 1667. Memo.: To enquire what rent he let it at, also to give him notice to do his repairs, and to do the same to Mr. Morge. Oliver Neve, Esq., *v.* Edward Buckley, a carpenter in Handyard without Bishopgate, a year-and-a-quarter due Michaelmas, 1666. (2, No. 195.)

1232.—20 Aug., 1676. **John Norris** [O. Le Neve's, at Witchingham] to **Francis Neve.**

Has not been at Witchingham since he saw Neve there until now. Has paid his cousin's bill of £16. 8*s.* 7*d.*, disbursed for Norris' daughter,

and thanks the Neves for the trouble they are taking with her. Hopes she will not "lose her writing" through discontinuance. "I expected she should have let me see she does exercise it, but she is not at leisure, I perceive." (2, No. 198.)

1233.—11 Dec., 1676. **John Norris**, Norwich, to [**Francis Neve**, London].

Has received his daughter's trunk by the cart. On Friday his wife had sent Neve a collar of brawn by the cart. Wishes to know what his debt is to Neve, that he may discharge it. (2, No. 199.)

1676-7.

1234.—25 Jan., 1676-7. **John Norris** to **Francis Neve** [London].

Has received Neve's account concerning Norris' daughter. "Your apprentice in my absence from home, hath been at Witton with my daughter, and missing the success he aimed at, came to Norwich, and by his associate, one in a fair periwig, sent to acquaint me he was married to her." Norris refused to credit him, not having heard from Neve, whom he now asks to inform him of the certainty, so that he may contradict the reports spread about. "I suppose you do not use to spare your apprentice to run up and down the country where he lists. I desire your order to secure him here for a runaway."

(Draft of short reply indorsed in Mrs. Neve's writing to the effect that the apprentice left without leave, and asking Norris to treat him as a runagate. Will not be sorry if he is sent to Bridewell). (2, No. 201.)

1235.—5 Feb., 1676-7. **John Norris** to cousin **Francis Neve**, Cornhill.

Has received Neve's account of the business. The prentice has produced a pretended marriage certificate from a parson in London. Asks Neve to demand sight of it, to take down the names of minister, witnesses, and church, and enquire into the truth of the certificate. Norris and his friends believe it was only an attempted marriage which took not effect, "but the better to bring it to pass, it was given out as done." In future when Neve misses his prentice for two or three days, or has ground to suspect "his progress again into the country," Norris would like to be warned. Encloses a letter [from his daughter Elizabeth] to be delivered to the prentice. (2, No. 202.)

1236.—7 Feb., 1676-7. **Elizabeth Norris** to **Samuel Moncke** [a copy in Mrs. Francis Neve's hand-writing.]

"Mr. Moncke. The report you untruly here raised have made me to discover the truth to my father, that is that you desired me to say that we were married, though you well know we never were, but were prevented therein. My friends are so much resolved against you, and I am convinced of the utter ruin that must have fallen upon both, that I am resolved not to marry without their consent, which is never to be had here; therefore I expect that you give over troubling me or them any more in a business [that] cannot ever be effected." (2, No. 206.)

1237.—24 Feb., 1676-7. **John Norris** to **Francis Neve**, Cornhill.

Let Neve's apprentice know that Norris had his letter. "Let him judge if that enterprise be worth pursuing . . . . that at one time deprives him of the blessings of Almighty God (as all such cheats without doubt do), and withall of all temporal advantages, both of which are little enough to make that state contentative." Norris is satisfied there was no binding marriage, his consent being wanting.

LE NEVE MSS. Will never give his consent, "nor anything else, living or dying." Norris' daughter is satisfied she is "under no obligation"; the apprentice had better desist in his attempt as he will get nothing by it. Please send a bushel of best sanfoin from Mottersheds. (2, No. 196.)

1238.—[1 Mar., 1676-7]. **Mrs. Francis Neve** to **John Norris** [draft reply endorsed on No. 1237.]

Wonders that Norris should write to them with messages for apprentice . . . . her husband satisfied Norris he had "cashiered his services and did resolve never to entertain him into his family again." Concludes that Norris judges the Neves are in correspondence with him, and had a hand in the "contrivance of the business." In fact, a month ago, some friends that were in Norwich heard that the Norrises blamed the Neves and their kinswoman . . . . "We scorn such perfidious actions," and the kinswoman could not be bribed to do them: Norris' daughter could clear them of the charge, she was cared for as their own daughter, ... "we troubled ourselves more than ever we shall have thanks for our labour." If the prentice wrote to Norris, she supposed he "prefixed a place of answer," why not write there? (2, No. 196 a.)

1239.—5 Mar., 1676-7. **John Norris** to **Francis Neve**, near the end of Pope's Head Alley by the Old Exchange, London.

Is sorry his last gave so much distaste to his cousin: the 'prentice gave no address, and Norris did not know he was discharged yet. Norris' previous letter conveyed no such suspicion as Mrs. Neve finds in it. Their friends at Witchingham know that the Norrises always acquitted the Neves of all blame, and he will always declare "'tis an unjust aspersion cast upon her." Who were the friends who spread such a report? (2, No. 194.)

1240.—7 Mar., 1676-7. **Benjamin Tassell**, Goring, Oxon., to [**? Francis Neve**, Cornhill].

Begs (altho' a stranger) to be informed of the year and day of his brother Josias' death, and whether his apprenticeship had then expired or not. The enquiry relates to a will of Josias', dated 28 August, 1670, and giving the information will involve no further trouble, &c. (4, No. 683.)

1677.

1241.—16 May, 1677. **Jeremy Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve**, Cornhill, London.

Has drawn on Neve in favour of his brother, John Norris, for £50at sight. Asks for account of balance. Please return pack cloths and the two ropes by Mr. Suggett's carts [Southgate, the Carrier]. (2, No. 209.)

1242.—29 May, 1677. **John Norris**, [London, to **Francis Neve**, Cornhill].

Had hoped to have met, "but your affairs and mine do not 'jump.'" Only needs £14. 9*s*. of his bill. Please pay out of the remainder to one Mr. Agard (?) £5. 11*s*., and the residue to Mr. Atkins of Lincoln's Inn [with whom Norris' son Thomas is reading]. (2, No. 205.)

1243.—15 June, 1677. **John Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve**, the Crown in Cornhill, &c.

Did not find Neve at home when he called, but left directions how the remainder of money had to be paid, with Mr. Atkins of Lincoln's Inn, who will communicate with Neve.

Norris asks Neve to send a servant to the "Bull" in Bishopgate Street, for a trunk sent from Cambridge "to my son Thomas Norris of Lincoln's Inn," and would like Neve to keep it till Michaelmas term, when his son will be in London and will pay the carriage. (2, No. 207).

1244.—15 June, 1677. **Jeremy Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve**, Cornhill, &c.

Has Neve's of the 7th, which was only received on 14th, by which he perceives his brother has left behind him most of his money. Also that the balance due for chintzes will be paid in a fortnight. Let Norris know the exact amount, as he thinks Neve will have occasion to return some money in three weeks.

Pack cloths to hand. Hears and hopes that F. Neve is to be his neighbour. Please witness a bond to Norris for £200 by Thomas Dade [Hamburgh, merchant] for wool. Dade's brother (at Norwich) is surety. Dade is a great French merchant, formerly in France,—be very sure of the identity of the man who comes to Neve's shop to seal.

Account indorsed:—

			£.	s.
Dr. to Jeremy Norris by— 68 pieces Chintz sold at 30*s.* 3*d.* per piece to Mr. Stourdy (?)	£102. 17*s.*	Cr. by pt. John Norris' bill	50	0
		,, 2 moth eaten pieces	1	0
		Rest	51	17
			£102	17

(2, No. 208.)

1245.—26 December, 1677. **Ralph Hawtrey**, Ruislip [Middlesex], to **Lady Gawdy**, West Harling (to be left with Mr. John Keene at Thetford).

Hawtrey's son Robert brought Lady Gawdy's letter; they are ever bound to her for the countenance she and Sir John showed to Robert. The Michaelmas Eton rents came to £44. 15*s.* 0*d.* (wheat at 6*s.* 3*d.*, malt at 3*s.* 8*d.* a bushel), dear enough. At the last election Hawtrey tried to get the lease of the estate at Wretham renewed, but found the Provost unwilling without a survey. Hawtrey told them that leasehold and copyhold was so mixed up and always let together, that no one could divide it. They spoke of a survey taken in Queen Elizabeth's time, which Hawtrey will try and get a copy of. Unless he knows the true value, Hawtrey cannot fix the fine should they incline to renew. Sir William valued both estates at £300 per ann.; the College are jealous that the estate is more valuable than they know of. Ask uncle Fram. if he has not a survey of the land. Mrs. Wellstood has £50 to be returned to her out of these parts, if Lady Gawdy will pay it, Hawtrey will credit her with that amount. "My son puts me in hopes . . . you may give Ruislip a visit about Candlemas, . . . pray tell Sir John, if he doth not come, he is a puppywillaboy, he brave no, and what bad names I can invent to give him, but if he encourage the journey then he is brave, and best beer, best wine are all at his service." Love to Mr. Wellstood and wife, Mr. Gressnall and wife, Mr. Keene and all friends, especially to Sir John and "my nephew and my niece, and my blessing to little 'Ralph,'" who is, "I hope, pretty good-natured, and learns his book." (5, No. 935.)

1678.

1246.—15 July, 1678. **Anthony Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve**, the Crown in Cornhill, &c.

Has Mr. Blunt paid the £50? Norris fears he has not. (2, No. 210.)

LE NEVE MSS. 1247.—14 Aug., 1678. **Anthony Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve.**

"Your cousin Neve" has no occasion at present for money at London. Norris has, therefore, drawn on F. Neve at sight for £150, payable to Alderman Catley, being the money received from Mr. Blunt. This morning Norris' cousin Ekings was delivered of a lusty girl. (2, No. 214.)

1678-9.

1248.—5 February, 1678-9. **John Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve**, London.

Intends to proceed on Alderman Backwell's bond, which please to deliver to the bearer, Mr. Wise. Gives a token by which Neve may be sure it is all right. "You know why I told you nothing was given Mrs. Gardiner in my cousin Neve's will, that night in your chamber before you went from my house." Neve can also compare this letter with that [No. 1249] sent him by post. (2, No. 213.)

1249.—6 Feb., 1678-9. **John Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve.**

Has sent by a special friend, Mr. Wise, an attorney, to receive from Neve, Alderman Backwell's bond, which is to be proceeded on. Take his receipt for it. Asks for account between them and how much remains due to Gardiner on bond. Hopes Neve got well to London. (2, No. 212.)

1250.—11 Feb., 1678-9. **Francis Wise** to **Francis Neve.**

Receipt [endorsed on No. 1248] for the bond or "bill obligatory" mentioned in the order within written, describing it as dated 3 March, 1669, whereby Edwd. Backwell is bound to pay Oliver Neeve (*sic*) £900, and interest at 6 per cent. on fourteen days' demand, within not less than 3 months after the date: the bill bearing an endorsement of £150 more advanced on it (signed by Chas. Duncombe for Backwell's use); also of £100 and divers sums of interest paid on account, the last being for £19 interest to 1st Feb. instant. (2, No. 213a.)

1251.—23 Mar., 1678-9. **John Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve.**

Encloses a bill for £100 upon Mr. Burton, which please pay to Mr. Gardiner towards the interest due on his bond from "my cousin Neve," which bond Norris hopes soon to pay up. Let him know how much is due on Francis Neve's bond; he wishes to pay that too. (2, No. 211.)

1679.

1252 and 1253.—19 April, 1679. **John Norris**, Norwich, to **Francis Neve**, Cornhill.

Two letters of the above date, one sent by post, thanking Neve for paying Gardiner and advising him of the other letter; which is a letter of credit to the bearer, Mrs. Underwood, for £20 on Norris' own business. As a token that this is from Norris, he mentions the receipt of Neve's letter of the 17th, advising of the receipt of the bill from Mr. Burton and payment of it to Mr. Gardiner. Endorsed is a receipt for the £20, signed by Elizabeth Underwood. (2, Nos. 215-6.)

1254.—[June, 1679.] **Francis Neve** to **[John Norris?]**.

[Draft letter endorsed on No. 1246, intended to be copied on blank side of a news-sheet.] Received his correspondent's bond last week from "my Cousin Syllington" cancelled, and has given it to his Aunt Grove (?) to deliver to his correspondent, understanding she will be in Norfolk next week. Has not spoken to Buckley for the rent, but will send speedily for him to put in bail, &c. Not having heard

for fourteen days, thinks his correspondent's servants must be busy haymaking this fine weather, so do not go in to Norwich. "Our great people have talked war, and other people no war; whether war or no war I heartily wish and desire may be for the best . . . . High words have passed lately between the Duke of York and the French ambassador . . . . Over the side is the Speaker's speech, and the Chancellor's, with some Acts that are to come out. The Banks' Bill has passed the Lords, but was not thought convenient to deliver it to the Commons, their sitting was so short this Session. We have some hopes that it may pass the Commons next sitting." (2, No. 210a.)

1255.—17 Oct., 1679. **Eliz. Siments**, Thetford, to **Lady Gawdy**, Harling.

Mrs. Siments' son and her kinswoman of Watton are parted, and a very honest man, John Sparks, woolcomber, here will take the lad as his prentice for £4 down. Begs of Lady Gawdy so far to enlarge her promised charity as to pay all the money down. (12, No. 1976.)

1679-80.

1256.—19 January, 1679-80. **John Norris**, Norwich, to **Oliver Neve**, at his father's, Mr. Francis Neve's, the Harrow in the Poultry.

Has received Neve's letter and is willing to serve him in any reasonable request, but doubts if this be one. Refers to Neve's youth, wanting three years of his majority, during which time his father may allow him £60 per ann. After that Neve can give Norris or his father security, and the former will probably be willing to pleasure him. His father runs no risk in this allowance, "if you die 'tis all your portion; if you live it will be in your power to give him satisfaction." Norris hopes he shall not be driven to deny Neve anything or else to hurt or injure his trust. (2, No. 217.)

1680.

1257.—1 June, 1680. **John Norris** to **[Francis Neve]**.

Received letter by Mr. Sharp. Has no better expedient than to advise postponing the trial till Michaelmas term, when he will be in London, and will help to accommodate all things. Service to Mr. Gardiner and his lady. (2, No. 218.)

1258.—11 June, 1680. **John Norris** to **[Francis Neve]**.

Tell Mr. Gardiner, Norris has his two letters but has not had an opportunity of speaking to Cousin Neve. "I think he cannot oppose to give what you write of to prevent the going on of your trial." Let it be done as an act of Mrs. Grove, "done of her own hand," lest it should prejudice Norris and the Neves. (2, No. 220.)

1680-1.

1259.—5 Feb., 1680-1. **Same**, Norwich, to **same**, at his house in Warwick Lane over against the Plough Ale-house, near Paternoster Row.

Understands from Mr. Laskow [William Lascoe], of Cornhill, that his rent is ready when Norris and Cousin Neve are agreed. They have agreed the latter is to make Norris a lease for his time at £35 per ann. Norris told "your son Oliver here of it." Incloses an order from the two of them on the tenant to pay the rent to Francis Neve, out of which, Cousin Oliver is to be paid

LE NEVE MSS. £35 per ann. from Midsummer, 1679. Has drawn on Neve for £100 to be paid to Dr. Hezekiah Burton, one of the prebendaries of Norwich, who will come for it next week; so collect Laskow's arrears (eight quarters due last Christmas). Hopes the other part of Sir Robert Viner's bond is paid. (2, No. 219.)

1681.

1260.—**John Norris to [Francis Neve]** Warwick Lane, nigh the end of Paternoster Lane.

Cousin Neve was here with Francis' letter concerning the trial (?). Norris, when last in London, would have met the agents of the Company, but deferred it at F. Neve's request till there was a new Mr. [(*sic*) probably the Master who had to report on the cause.] If there be a new one, it were fit to come to some conclusion, "and not always to be at his call, which she is much affected at." Norris has a right to the cutler's shop. If Neve thinks there is any inclination to settle, Norris will come down next term. (2, No. 221.)

1261.—14 November, 1681. **Jeremy Norris** to **Francis Neve,** the Harrow in the Poultry against the White House next Paternoster Row.

Asks as to credit of Richard Banks, living in Sussex forty miles beyond London. Can give no better direction than to refer Neve to one Mr. Thomas Jordan, living at the Still without Aldgate, a strong-water man," next door to the Pye Tavern, he knows Banks. Banks owns a little piece of land, adjoining an estate of Norris, which, "as it lay so vastly remote from him," he offered for sale cheap. Norris wants to know Banks' ability to guarantee title if anything goes amiss. What land Norris buys "I love to have it come out of honest and able hands." Suggests that Neve should take his morning or evening draught with Jordans (which Norris will pay for) and make him talk. (2, No. 223.)

[November, 1681. **Francis Neve** died. Oliver still a minor.]

1262.—6 December, 1681. **John Norris** to **Peter Neve,** Warwick Lane end.

Has received Peter's letter with sad news of his father's [Francis Neve's] death. Asks for his account. What provision was made for Peter's brother? hears it is only £50 per ann., "which is strange, seeing he refused to accept what I offered unless I would go higher, so as in justice, seeing he had slighted that, I expected he would have provided better for him." Norris has appointed an agent to receive the Christmas rents, and cannot appoint Peter. Must have all the tenants under one agent: reminds Peter his father refused to do this. [The fly-sheet has been written over by some one, presumably Peter, in an elaborate engrossing hand. The names, Ursula Rea, Carolus Gosling, and the address for Mrs. Amy Halbes, at Enfield, occur. It is also endorsed "Recd. 9 Dec., 1681, concerning father's death ending the allowance."] (2, No. 222.)

1684.

1263.—25 December, 1684, "at 7 at night." **John Fisher** [London] to **Sir Christopher Calthorpe, K.B.,** East Basham. "By Swaffham bag." [Post-mark, L.V.]

"The work of the day being over, and my room cleared of some old servants and poorer sort of neighbours," Fisher can answer

Sir Christopher's of the 20th, which was retarded by the extremity of the weather. Thanks for the butter, which he knows will prove good, "having had so often experience of it." Sculthorpe biggest farm (£80 per annum) is not above 7 ac. over eight score, "and these are taken up in hedges and ditches," so the rent is near 10*s.* an acre, and the ground not near so good as Fakenham and Wells, nor so good as Sir Christopher's land, and if he can get that rent for it 'tis pity he keeps more in hand than will serve his house. LE NEVE MSS.

My Lord of Yarmouth found the roads so bad he got not up till Sunday night at 9, and the young lord caught a great cold. Hopes Mr. Jemmy did not feel the like with his journey from Norwich. The frost is so great "as boats cannot cross the Thames, and a few days more of such weather will quite shut it up . . . . . we had some snow lately but it washed away presently and froze much harder after it. Sir Henry Bedingfield and his brother were with my lord to-day; instead of tenants holding up their rents he hath now £400 a year in Norfolk cast into his hands. Lady L'Estrange got home from the wedding last week. Your old landlord I did [see] twice to-day at the King's Chapel, reading and singing very heartily."

Now Fisher has got to a good fireside he will "drill out this [letter] the longer." The general noise of robbing upon the roads does much affright passengers . . . . a strict order in council has been made "to encourage the apprehension of such offenders, as you'll find in Monday's book; and I believe such fared harder here last sessions than they are wont, scarce any scaping the gallows. Its a sickly time hereabouts, for our bell seldom stands still. The old Lord Hawley is marched off and Sir Ed. Hales coming into his place of gentleman of the bed-chamber to the Duke. Mr. Andrew Newport lays down his Commissioner's place of the Customs, and Mr. Chudleigh (now envoy in Holland) is sent to, to receive it. Trading dissenters from hence and elsewhere flock into Sweden, where they find encouragement and protection."

"The juggling between the Pole and the French grows more barefaced, that it's no wonder he gave no assistance this last summer to the Germans, for the Queen of Poland's father from a private person is not only made a Duke and Peer of France, but her eldest son to be married to a Princess of the blood of France, the second made Abbot of St. Denis and St. Germains, and that not serving his turn, his father (as you'll see by last night's book) expects a cap of the Pope for him, and 'tis ill denying him or France at this time, for his most Christian Majesty will soon go to visit the southern parts of his kingdom, not only to view and punish such as have not performed their undertakings in the great Canal honestly, but to see and set out a fleet of above 100 sail at Marseilles and Toulon, and 35,000 men at land and 20,000 horse to go to chastise Genoa . . . . . If he once reduce that . . . . he will strike terror into all the Princes of Italy and make His Holiness find other use for his money than to send it into Germany." Possibly "our Straits trade may come short home after this expedition . . . . But the Princes of Poland are much displeased with the great influence the French king has upon theirs . . . . and the late descent upon them by the Muscovite is looked upon but as a French pretence to colour and excuse the late deserting of the Emperor. The Turks creep on again in Hungary, and will hazard to retake Grau . . . . The packet boat coming from Calais this week fell foul in the night upon a great Dutch vessel that lay off at anchor, and split itself. Some say all the people were saved, others that four were lost and two

LE NEVE MSS. mails." Service to Sir Christopher's brother (if with him). His wife joins him in service to Sir C. and his lady. Fisher's wife intend next week "to creep into the city (that being the best way of going if this weather hold) there to wait the good hour with her daughter." (14, No. 2907.)

1691.

1264.—23 April, 1691. **Francis Flatman** to **Mr. Butler**, Attorney, Clifford's Inn [London].

Direction to sue Mr. Francis Wise of Norwich, gent., on two bills given to Francis' father Robert Flatman, lately deceased [endorsed, died 8 Aug., 1689] both dated 1 Aug., 1682, one to secure £25, and the other £20. Witness, Elinor Dixon, John Downes. (14, No. 2908.)

1265.—19 Dec., 1691. **Thomas Marwood**, Oxburgh, to **Oliver [Le] Neve**, Mannington Hall.

Took Neve's dog to Mr. Hackings, who was abroad "a-Barley-buying." The boots are not done; this frosty weather they cannot work close work. Sent the two shoes by Thursday's cart by a messenger from Wickmere, at Mr. Charles Bedingfield's motion. Marwood has had several letters from his Master (who has interred the Countess in Oxfordshire). "The title ladies" send their service, so does Mr. Culley (?) to Neve and Capt. Gawdy. (2, No. 224.)

1692.

1266.—8 May, 1692. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suffolk], to **O. Le Neve** [Mannington.]

Sends thanks for extraordinary kindness shown him at Mannington. The indisposition that made him uneasy to himself and rude to others, still troubles him. Service to Sir John and the Captain, "not forgetting the little Doctor." Mother and cousin Tyrell send service. (12, No. 1986.)

1267.—22 Aug., 1692. **John Stannard** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Hopes Le Neve can pay enclosed bill at once, balance due is £36. 11*s.* (2, No. 230.)

1268.—[24] Aug., 1692. **Jo. Millecent**, Chichely [Bucks], to **O. Le Neve**, Mannington, near Aylsham (by Norwich bag.)

Peter wrote Millecent the glad news of his cousin, Mrs. Neve's safe delivery of a boy, and that Peter and Millecent's mother were to be god-parents. Millecent much surprised his mother by asking after her Norfolk god-son; she was not aware she was to have the honor. Supposes the letter to her came when she was keeping her bed for grief at grand-mother's death, and was possibly put by one of the girls in her pocket, not liking to disturb her with letters, and so forgotten. (12, No. 2008.)

1269.—25 Aug., 1692. **Jonathan Millner**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Mannington, near Aylsham (by Norwich bag).

Wants the promise of the refusal of the shop Mr. Paine holds; promised Neve's brother to write before, but was delayed through extraordinary buying of goods for Bartholomew Fair. Will give what rent Neve asks for the same term of years as Millner has in the shop he holds already. (2, No. 226.)

1270.—30 Aug., 1692. **Charles Turner**, Houghton, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Mannington.

Lest the hurry of business at the fair should have put it out of Le Neve's memory, Turner reminds him of their appointment at

Walsingham. Service to "your Lady and Sir John, and the Captain, if with you." (10, No. 1594.) LE NEVE MSS.

1271.—1 Sep., 1692. **Jonathan Millner**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has received Neve's letter asking £24 per ann. for the shop. Does not love abundance of words, so offers the old rent and 20 guineas to buy a pair of gloves: term thirty-one years or the same as the other shop: to commence at Christmas next. (2, No. 227.)

1272.—12 Sept., 1692. **Andrew Brereton** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Mannington.

Mr. Vincent has bought land, and will want his £50 paid the 6th of next month. (12, No. 1984.)

1273.—4 Nov., 16[92]. **William Freeman**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Encloses his bill as under:

1689.		*s.*	*d.*
Mar. 8.	Paid for a letter ..	0	3
Mar. 13.	Military duties ..	4	6
,,	1 Abridgement of Military discipline	3	0
,,	1 Muse's Farewell to Popery, &c. ..	2	6
,,	1 Catalogue ..	0	3
,,	Paid for a parcel ..	1	0
1690.			
May 15.	1 Lock of Human Understanding (*sic*)	12	0
,,	1 Soldier's Guide ..	1	6
,,	For Votes	3	4
,,	1 Ahaziah	1	0
May 19.	Paid for a letter ..	0	3
,,	1 Set of Acts ..	5	0
,,	For Votes	0	6
,,	For Gazette and News	10	0
May 30.	For a letter ..	0	3
June 4.	1 Set of Votes, cont. 74	6	2
,,	2 Acts of Parliament	0	4
July 4.	1 Life of Gustavus Adolphus ..	3	0
,, 12.	1 Collins' Walk ..	2	0
,, 29.	1 Coxe's History, 2nd part	12	0
Aug. 8.	Paid for a letter ..	0	3
Aug. 14.	1 Don Sebastian ..	2	0
,,	1 Prophetesie [?] ..	1	0
,,	1 English Friar .	1	0
,,	1 Peppa, a "Novell"	1	6
,,	1 Sultana of Barbary	1	0
,,	1 Great Scanderbeg	1	0
,,	1 Duchess of Portsmouth	1	0
,,	1 Sea Engagement ..	0	6
,,	1 Mundus Muliebris	0	6
,,	1 Revolution in Scotland	2	0
,,	1 Safety of France	1	0
,,	1 New Art of Brewing	1	0
Oct. 11.	1 Temple's Miscellany, 2nd part	3	0
Oct. 13.	1 Account of the D. of Savoy	0	6
,, 25.	1 Jesuit's Memorial Ca.	3	6
,, 25.	1 State of Germany Ca. .. .	3	0
Dec. 26.	1 Pepys on the Admiralty ..	3	0
[1691].			
Jan. 19.	1 Frauds of Priests	3	6
,,	Paid for a letter ..	0	3
,,	3 New Plays ..	3	0
,,	1 Erasmus' Colloquies (Latin) ..	3	0
,,	1 ditto, Engl. by Sir R. L'Estrange ..	3	0
,,	1 Historian's Guide } 1 Britain's Glory .. }	3	0
,,	1 Set of Acts ..	4	6
,,	1 Norris on the Beatitudes ..	3	6
Feb. 12.	1 Letter	0	3
,,	1 Rise of Parliaments	3	0
,,	1 Sherlock's Reasons	1	0
,,	1 Bishop of St. Asaph	0	6
Feb. 20.	1 Turkish Spy, 2nd part, Ca.	3	0
,, 26.	1 Lord Preston's Trial	4	0
,, 26.	1 Scowrers (*sic*) .. }		
June 6.	1 Description of Holland .. .. }	torn	
Aug. 15.	1 Anatomy of Ireland .. .. }		
Oct. 21.	1 Turkish Spy, 3rd part.	3	0
Dec. 6.	1 Mackenzie of Frugality	1	0
,,	1 Blount's Essays..	1	6
Dec. 8.	1 Temple's Memoirs	3	6
[1692].			
Feb. 19.	1 Ladies' Travels into Spain ..	3	6
Mar. 20.	1 New Play ..	1	0
		£7	10 7

(2, No, 294.)

LE NEVE MSS. 1274.—14 Nov., 1692. **Isabell Teague** to **[Peter Le Neve]**.

Sends her apprentice that [Peter] may judge for himself if he will do for [Oliver's] garden. "I never found him purloining anything. I believe he will be very affable in a family. I know your brother to be sober in dealing" . . . . thinks he will do well by the lad as "my Joseph" stayed so long with him. The boy is fatherless and motherless. Expects £20 for his four years and clothes. (4, No. 684.)

1275.—[14 Nov., 1692]. **Peter Le Neve** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham (leave at Mr. Havers, Goldsmith, Norwich).

Endorsed note on last letter, reporting the lad a civil boy, "not so big as Joseph by a good deal." (4, No. 684a.)

1276.—18 Nov., 1692. **Andrew Brereton** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is sorry to hear that Le Neve is likely to be High Sheriff: thought he would have taken care to prevent it. Mr. Kempe says he is promised the under shrievalty. Brereton challenges Le Neve's promise of it for himself. (12, No. 1985.)

1277.—24 Nov., 1692. **Henry Rippingall** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham (leave at Mr. Jeremy Berry's, a milliner, Norwich).

Will proceed in Sir John Gawdy's case against Madam Gawdy with all speed. An attachment was sent against her, but she had already gone to London. If, however, Mr. Thompson does not speedily pay the money, Rippingall will proceed to a writ of rebellion against Madam Gawdy and get her taken upon it. Has an order in Mr. Bladwell's case to amend the bill, which Mr. Warkhouse will do according to the new instructions. Rippingall will bring the attachment against Capt. Browne down with him. Mr. Host is High Sheriff of Norfolk [?]. (2, No. 225.)

1278.—26 Nov., 1692. **Erasmus Earle** to kinsman **[O. Le Neve]**.

If the nights had been light till six or seven, Earle and his family would have been with Le Neve to welcome him to Witchingham. "The clock you sent pleaseth me extremely; but the gloominess of the weather will not gratify my curiosity in trying whether it goes well or not"; is forced to set it by his other clocks "which may get or lose every day for aught we know." The hay is still at Earle's warrener's; will send it Le Neve soon. "Little Jacky is finely recovered, and I hope will in a few weeks be clear of that sharp humour which now is predominant." (16, No. 2912.)

1279.—5 Dec., 1692. **Francis Reppes**, Mattishall, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

The Churchwardens of Mattishall complained of a poor man and his wife Le Neve sent there. Le Neve has not given the town security against the people becoming chargeable, and they steal fences for firing, so Reppes has been applied to for a warrant to send them back. (2, No. 228.)

1280.—22 Dec., 1692. **R. Howman**, Norwich, to **Captain [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Howman's tedious lawsuit is in such a forwardness that he will be paying the residue of his purchase-money at Lady-day, when he hopes Le Neve will pay what is owing to him. (12, No. 1982.)

1281.—27 Dec., 1692. **Edward Earle**, Sall, to **[Oliver Le Neve]**. LE NEVE MSS.

Last midsummer one Hudson of Brandeston married a widow of Sall who had children. Last Sunday without warrant he brought one of the children aged five and set it down at the overseer's door. Asks warrant to remove it again to Brandeston. Takes the opportunity of sending by the overseer who goes to London to pay in the tax. (16, No. 2914.)

1692-3.

1282.—2 January, 1692-3. **Henry Rippingall** to the **Honourable Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Great Witchingham.

Edmund Riseing had not got £100 by him, but will bring £70 to Le Neve. Has sent by Mr. Bladwell Gibson's account. Hopes to have the honour of Le Neve's company "at my cottage" this day se'nnight. Mr. Rookewood says the 14*s.* and 1*s.* per ann. shall be paid at Lady-day, and the tenant will charge the 10*s.* per ann. and arrears on lands "late Jenny's," to be paid in a year. (2, No. 229.)

1283.—7 January, 1692-3. **Isabell Teague** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham.

Since Joseph came to town her apprentice "lies at" her to get into Le Neve's service. She will leave it to Le Neve what to allow for him. He is honest and ingenious, may be bashful the first year, "but there is never a gardener's prentice that is upon our level" who can do in his seventh year what *he* can do now. Has got Joseph into the King's garden to help. (4, No. 685.)

1284.—26 January, 1692-3. **Edward Earle** [Sall] to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Earle has been very ill, and did not know of the neglect which he has traced to the constables. Now sends a corrected poll-bill, by which Le Neve will see the amount of the tax. The constables (who have hitherto been collectors) must get a new poll-bill and duplicate made this night. (16, No. 2909.)

1285.—30 January, 1692-3. **R. Howman**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham.

Writes again for payment at Lady-day, when he must pay his purchase-money to Mr. Corne [?] (12, No. 1981.)

1286.—9 February, 1692-3. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham.

Writes to his "dearest Noll" with a couple of spaniels he had asked for. Is glad to find he was not forgotten, and complains of frequent miscarriage of letters. From some friends he does not get the satisfaction of an answer, and others answer so long after he has forgotten what he wrote about. Is pleased to impute his not hearing from Noll to a series of unhappinesses and misfortunes which befell unfortunate Jack [? himself] this summer. (12, No. 2009.)

1287.—10 Mar., 1692-3. **Thomas Francis**, North Elmham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is informed by our tenant, Anthony Stockdale, that the assessors of Foxley have over-charged his master's fold-course there at £16. 10*s.* per ann. It is *bona-fide* let for £20, and they pay rate on it to Bawdeswell on £7, to Bylaugh on £4, and to Billingford on £4. Asks Le Neve as one of the Commissioners to reduce the assessment,

LE NEVE MSS. Francis cannot attend, as the Commissioner for his own division has fixed the same day, and he is one of the assessors. Francis has written to Mr. Dewes about it. (2, No. 231.)

1288.—11 Mar., 1692-3. **Edward Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Mr. Herne told Earle last night that Mr. Munsey was not doubly assessed under the act (the ten days for the voluntary taking the oaths having expired). Earle could not get the assessment at Reepham to have it altered, the collector being away. He left word with Dan Knowles, another collector, not to collect till further advised. Hopes Le Neve will rectify the omission and not oblige Earle to apply to the Commissioners of another division. "More guineas than will pay his tax would not have bribed me from a faithful discharge of my duty." (16, No. 2911.)

1289.—12 Mar., 1692-3. **Robert Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Sends humble thanks for letter advising him of Earle's intentions. Will tender his taxes to-morrow, as Le Neve suggests, but doubts if the collectors will take it: he had heard from Long Robin that Earle had been with them. Has never done anything to disoblige Earle, but fearing Earle would treat him as he did in the Poll [Tax] Monsey, commissioned his cousin Breen [?] to prevail upon him, and may have let fall a word or two to the purpose mentioned [*i.e.*, about bribing]. Fears his cousin mismanaged it for Monsey, so as to anger instead of softening Earle. (12, No. 2011.)

1290.—14 Mar., 1692-3. **Edward Earle,** Sall, to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Mr. Monsey was with Earle yesterday, and absolutely and solemnly disowned the message [*i.e.*, the offer of a bribe], and expressed his abhorence of the fact. Earle is now satisfied to acquiesce, "for if his first double charge were questionable, his "voluntary coming in need not now so strictly be insisted on." Edward's cousin Earle is overcharged £2 a year on his farm let to Thomas Flegg, lying part in Heydon, part in Sall, besides 20*s.* per ann. in wood. Begs Le Neve to alter the duplicate, and Earle will do the like to the assessment and collector's warrant. (16, No. 2910.)

1291.—15 Mar., 1692-3. **Clement Herne** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The Collectors ask instructions as to the Doctor's refusal to pay his tax. He does not stand upon a surcharge, but a total exemption from paying anything for herbage, which is a point rather to be defended than that £30 and upwards per ann. upon compositions and customs should be reduced to £20. There was a day purposely appointed for such complaints, and Herne does not see why in so notorious a case the Doctor should have another peculiar to himself. Herne will do it to oblige Le Neve, but it is a favor beyond that shown to any others (his betters) in the hundred "that are out." (12, No. 2000.)

1693.

1292.—25 Mar., 1693. **Luke Singleton,** Willys Coffee-house, near the Custom-house, London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has received Le Neve's two letters. Has been in quest of some brandy which came from Portsmouth, "but how good soever it might be there it is otherwise here, and that commodity that is right is very

scarce, all being destroyed if taken." By the act of last Session French brandy taken in prizes may be bought in on paying 2*s.* a gallon above the former duty. Will let Le Neve know when any hawks are brought into the Port of London; would like to know what sort. "Truly, Sir . . . . the account of the great pike you took is not a little pleasant, since thereby as a brother of the quill I seem to participate of your sport." Singleton met Oliver's brother, who spoke about the former receiving Oliver's rents for him, which he could not attend to himself. Singleton will be glad to serve Oliver, leaving the terms to him, and doing his best to keep the tenants up to quarterly payments. (12, No. 1989.)

1293.—April, 1693. **Nicholas L'Estrange,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Circular convening meeting of Commissioners for reviewing the Quarterly Poll, for 4th inst., at Grand Jury Chamber, Norwich Castle. (2, No. 233.)

1294.—10 April, 1693. **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

To-morrow is the last of Earle's hunting, and he will "draw the little woods going from Reepham to Ling, where it seems there is a multitude of hares," and will be glad of Le Neve's company; as he sees him so seldom since Le Neve left Mannington. (16, No. 2916.)

1295.—22 April, 1693. **Luke Singleton,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has seen Oliver's brother [Peter], who can positively collect the rents no longer, and thinks £10 a year too little for the work, which Luke, however, is willing to take. Suggests a power of attorney to give receipts. Service to Sir John, the Captain, and your lady. (12, No. 1990.)

1296.—25 April, 1693. **John Hardy,** Elsing, to **Captain Oliver Le Neve,** at the Sheriff-house, Norwich.

Relates a dispute concerning the binding a poor woman's child, a parish 'prentice, and the "malicious humours" of one Gedney. The child's mother is very sickly, and if deprived of her daughter the parish will have to pay for a nurse for her. If the child must be bound out Gedney is liable, and fit to take it himself without needing "to obtrude the apprentice" upon Hardy. Gedney's excuse that he already has an apprentice is false, the one he had is long since resigned to another, and Hardy expects that Gedney was paid on parting with her. Begs to apprise the Worshipful Bench that Gedney was "so stout and peremtory" as to go to jail rather than sign the indentures, threatening to make the town pay for it if he lay in prison half-a-year. Hopes the Bench will see that the town is not put to any extraordinary charge "for these peevish proceedings of Gedney." (2, No. 247.)

1297.—27 April, 1693. **J. Rolfe** to [**Oliver Le Neve**].

"Mr. Payne, to whom such fees are strictly due, is not pleased when applications of this kind are made to me by any prisoner." Let [Le Neve] write Payne a letter, and Burwood take it to him, Rolfe will gladly go with him to use his influence. (2, No. 246.)

LE NEVE MSS. 1298.—1 May, 1693. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has been daily expecting to greet his dearest Noll at his new habitation: this made the long silence "and my neglect of Ranger's and Daphne's names till the use of them is over." More than ordinary business takes him to Doctor Wright's next week, when he will try to come over. (12, No. 2013.)

1299.—1 June, 1693. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Acknowledges Nolls' kindness in meeting him at Dr. Wright's. Has received a letter from a gentleman in London who wants to buy Millecent's hounds, and must await his reply to the offer Millecent has sent them. After that, Witchingham shall be the first place he visits. How long does the Captain stay at Harling? Believes Sam. Richers will be here next week. When he leaves London we may hope to see Peter if old Low will give him leave. (12, No. 2017.)

1300.—2 June, 1693. **Joseph Hewett,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

In agreeing for so low a rate for the work, Hewitt expected his servants' diet should have been without charge.

"In gentlemen's houses my self and servants had always our maintenance gratis." Hopes Le Neve will consider it. (2, No. 245.)

1301.—12 June, 1693. **Edward Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Believes Henry Coxford (who died last week) was the sole collector for the review of the poll for Hackford. If so, another must be appointed, pay day being next Thursday. (16, No. 2920.)

1302.—1 July, 1693. **Jonathan Millner,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Mannington.

Repeats his offer for Paine's shop, and asks answer by return of post. The late tenant has taken away all the iron bars belonging to the windows. (2, No. 238.)

1303.—5 July, 1693. **R. Howman** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Will wait for his money till Le Neve finds it convenient to pay. (12, No. 2018.)

1304.—8 July, 1693. **Jonathan Millner** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Wants an answer to former letters. (2, No. 243.)

1305.—24 July, 1693. **Isabel Teague** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"Your worship is the first that taxes my cunning beyond my fair dealing." If the lad found the ground planted in that order it should have been kept in, but she never said he could lay out ground. Le Neve may pay for his time and send him back, and she will return the "paper instrument," or else she expects the covenant performed. Joseph Terry lives with the Earl of Peterborough upon Thames bank, Westminster. (4, No. 686.)

1306.—27 July, 1693. **Amey Peck,** Hadley [Middlesex], to her cousin, **Oliver Le Neve** [Neefes], Norfolk. LE NEVE MSS.

Takes the opportunity by Mr. Buttrick's kinsman to advise him of her health and complain of his neglect. It was "your dear father's charge upon his death-bed to be kind to me," whereas it is out of sight out of mind, and Le Neve will not come ten miles to see her when he is in London. She is tied by the leg, her husband being grown a child again, blind, and cannot help himself, "which is a great charge to me, and none takes any notice of me, which does a little trouble me when I sit and consider it." Le Neve sent word, that, if her husband died, she should live with him: she thanks him, "but that will never be, for I shall never see my own native country again." Ends "your ever loving aunt till death us part." (12, No. 2042.)

1307.—12 August, 1693. **Eliza Millner** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Mannington (by Aylsham bag).

Indignant letter from the wife of Jonathan Millner; why is not their last letter answered? She supposes, "you think I am so sorry a tenant, not worth taking notice of." Paine's old shop is let to a sempstress ["simstriss"], who is sick of her bargain, and will not stop beyond the year, nor so long if she can get a shop in Change Alley. Mr. Paine's asking for the refusal is out of spite, he has plenty of room. "We are much straightened." (2, No. 244.)

1308.—15 August, 1693. **Joseph Terry** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Great Witchingham (leave at Mr. Havers, &c.)

Is sorry the young man does not suit. Has enquired for a man, but cannot yet hear of one, gardeners that understand their business being scarce. (11, No. 1922.)

1309.—17 August, 1693. **Eliza Millner** to **Oliver Le Neve.**
Duplicate of No. 1307. (2, No. 242.)

1310.—28 August, 1693. **R. Howman,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Great Witchingham.

Has bought land lying within his property, and must pay for it about Michaelmas. Cannot wait for his money beyond Holymas. (12, No. 2021.)

1311.—16 Sept., 1693. **Luke Singleton,** Custom House, Bristol, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham (marked "in all 5.")

Explains he was sent to Bristol as Surveyor for a short time only, and will be back in London by Michaelmas. If Le Neve is not provided with wine by then, write to him at the Customs, London. His wife expects her confinement at the same time as Mrs. Le Neve. Wishes Madam "a good and happy minute." (12, No. 1991.)

1312.—25 Sept., 1693. **Erasmus Earle,** Heydon, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

But for some company dining with him to-day Earle would have attended Le Neve to make good the complaint of the town of Sall against Sam. Fox for not coming to an account for the town

LE NEVE MSS. lands, which he hires. He "very knavishly drives [the land] out of tune by sowing oats upon oats, &c." (16, No. 2918.)

1313.—28 Sept., 1693. **Charles Fisher,** King's Head, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Would be glad to see Le Neve, whose tenant he is of the house, corner of Pope's Head Alley [London]. Would have waited on Le Neve, but his time is short. (16, No. 2919.)

1314.—19 Oct., 1693. **Luke Singleton,** Custom House, London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The ships coming into Bristol detained Luke; he is only just back, and is at Le Neve's service. Does not hear of any hawks late imported "from hence." (12, No. 1992.)

1315.—20 Oct., 1693. **Andrew Brereton** [Norwich] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Writes for Mr. Scargill's interest: he paid Scargill £2. 10*s.* three months ago, as he wanted money, and expected to have seen Le Neve at the Sessions or the fair. (12, No. 2012.)

1316.—24 Oct., 1693. **Clement Herne** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Asks warrant against John Myns and Will. Hobson, "laborers and thieves by trade, for stealing divers parcels of firewood." They have been warned often, cannot forbear any longer whipping them. Wishes Mrs. Le Neve "a happy minute." (12, No. 1999.)

1317.—24 Oct., 1693. **Charles Fisher,** London, to [**Oliver Le Neve**].

In answer to Le Neve's enquiries about the [lottery] tickets of Mr. Reed's, the prices [*sic* for prizes] are but £1 each (Nos. 4521-4522). The servant Fisher keeps expressly for that purpose has made diligent search and finds it is no more. Le Neve is mistaken in saying the numbers are 1521 and 1522, there is no price [*i.e.*, prize] of such numbers. Scorns to be unjust to any person, and wishes everyone who had £1 had had £10, "it would have been the same profit to me." Has sent the blanks of the first 5 tickets. His second sale is almost full, and will be drawn by end of next month. Le Neve need not have sent back the dishonoured bill for £10, or made remarks on Fisher's want of credit at Norwich for so small a sum, etc. The first man Fisher applied to there had £23 value in his hands; the second (Thomas Manning) wrote such a scurrilous letter that Fisher has sent him his account, and directed payment of the balance to Le Neve. Abate nothing, it is for white farthings that Fisher disposed of in London to oblige the man. Will endeavour to let the shop for Le Neve before he leaves at Lady-day, but has only been offered half what Le Neve expects. (16, No. 2921.)

1318.—24 Oct., 1693. **Jonathan Millner,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Mannington.

Has received a letter from Le Neve dated 6 October, but being very busy and abroad has not had time to answer. Will consult with his mistress and then answer the letter "in every pertickler." Ends "your ever loving tenant till Death." (2, No. 239.)

1319.—1 Nov., 1693. **Hill Hollnough**, Norwich, to **[Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Asks payment by Saturday of the small sum still due. Send it by the Norwich man, James Edmonds, who left this letter for Le Neve at Lonner Bridge. (4, No. 688.)

1320.—4 Nov., 1693. **Jonathan Millner**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Millner's "ultimate resolving" is to offer £24 per ann. for Payne's shop, and a fine of £36. 13*s.* 4*d.* He does this to please his wife, who will not, however, desire him to go higher. (2, No. 240.)

1321.—4 Nov., 1693. **Edward Earle**, Sall, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Earle met Mr. Britiff at Aylsham, on Tuesday (Sir H. Hobart being at London), about the tax, when Wickmere assessments and other towns wherein Mr. Bedingfield's estate lies, came to be signed. 'Mr. Snelling wished to attest that the estate was in one Mr. Spelman, but only two Commissioners being present, it could not be altered. Begs Le Neve to attend adjourned meeting, when, with Mr. Page, the full number can be made up. (16, No. 2922.)

1322.—7 Nov., 1693. **John Norris** to **Giles Bladwell**, Swannington.

Is willing to sell his horse for £7. Not that he is any worse than he has been, but because "he goes not with speed." (2, No. 248.)

1323.—25 Nov., 1693. **Jonathan Millner**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

A week ago he agreed with Neve's brother to take lease of Payne's shop for twenty-one years, and paid a guinea on account of fine. Begs the writings may be completed. (2, No. 241.)

1324.—28 Nov., 1693. **R. Howman** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham.

Does not doubt Le Neve's paying him at Christmas, but intimates it will be a real injury to him if he is disappointed. (12, No. 2019.)

1325.—30 Nov., 1693. **N. Helwis** to **[Oliver Le] Neve.**

Is sorry he should be so ill a neighbour as to deserve Norris' "wrath and indignation in so plentiful a manner." Le Neve's man came a shooting at Helwis' orchard end, as he said by his master's orders, and dared Helwis to take away his gun; who refused, but threatened to shoot his dog. Begs to be informed if Le Neve claims any right there; any part of Ringland or above bridge is at his service. (2, No. 234.)

1326.—3 Dec, 1693. **Ali. Millecent**, Barsham [Suffolk], [mother of **John Millecent**], to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Congratulates [Le Neve] on the birth of a daughter, and will the more gladly act as god-mother as she was disappointed of the honour which was meant her on a former occasion [see No. 1268]. Her age and infirmity will be her excuse for not attending in person at the baptism. Sends gratuities for the midwife, nurse, and nurse-keeper. Service to Sir John and Capt. Gawdy. Last Stourbridge fair her brother brought her dear niece Chester to see her for a few days, but would not let her stop. Niece Chester always had a high opinion of Mrs. Le Neve. (12, No. 2014.)

LE NEVE MSS. 1327.—3 Dec., 1693. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve.**

A characteristic letter, in which Millecent forgets to congratulate Le Neve on the happy occasion, being taken up in explaining why he has not written. There is no safe way of sending except "by way of 'London,'" and though he is always glad to hear from Le Neve that way, yet there are so few of Le Neve's friends near Barham to send news about, that a letter from him "cannot be worth the postage" to Le Neve. If Peter [Le Neve] comes at Christmas, as promised, Millecent and I, Richers (who lives with him) "will coach him to Witchingham, for he has left 'riding on horseback.'" Millecent has one of the finest young dogs in England, for a setter, if he only knew a person that could "make him" [*i.e.*, train him]. (12, No. 2015.)

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1328.—4 Jan., 1693-4. **Edward Earle,** Sall, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Earle's son and daughter being here for one day, he is invited to Cousin Bassett's, and would fain be excused till next meeting. Service to Mr. Herne. (16, No. 2915.)

1329.—12 Feb., 1693-4. **Nicholas L'Estrange** to **Oliver [Le] Neve.**

Circular letter appointing 20 February for the meeting of the Commissioners under the act for granting to their Majesties an aid of 4*s.* in the pound for one year for carrying on a vigorous war against France. To meet at the Grand Jury Chamber, Norwich Castle. The same Commissioners are appointed who acted for the last 4*s.* aid. Asks to be continued general clerk to the Commissioners. (2, No. 232.)

1330.—14 Feb., 1693-4. **E[dward] Legh** [London] to **[O. Le Neve].**

Cannot send better particulars of the lands and yearly rents. Shoes will be ready next week. Wine, hamper, and bottles come to £3. 19*s.* 6*d.* Capt. Hubbart sends service. "I drank your kind token with Mr. Bacon." Expects Lady Adams every day. Mr. Holbeck says the Banbury coach doth not yet go. (11, No. 1924.)

1331.—19 Feb., 1693-4. **Edward Earle,** Sall, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Cousin Earle called on his way to Swaffham, where he will be Saturday week, and desires to see Le Neve there. (16, No. 2917.)

1332.—27 Feb., 1693-4. **Robert Monsey,** Reepham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Sends a small bundle of gooseberry and currant plants, which Mrs. Le Neve was pleased to speak of at Sparham. Would like to borrow Dr Plott's *Natural History of Oxfordshire.* (12, No. 2020.)

1333.—5 Mar., 1693-4. **Clement Herne** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

The collector for Haverland has lost the roll he collected by. The assessors are to make some alterations (not lessening the quota), and cannot do it unless all the duplicates are produced. Asks Le Neve to bring his. (12, No. 2022.)

1334.—5 Mar., 1693-4. **Thomas St. John** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Asks for a warrant against Andrew Harris of Hockering, for taking a saw out of Mr. Tylney's ground, his excuse being that one of Mr.

Tylney's servants, employed in "converting his timber," was indebted to him. If the constable can take Harris, St. John will bring him on the morrow to Le Neve. (2, No. 249.)

1335.—8 Mar., 1693-4. **Andrew Brereton** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Will do his best for Mr. Scargall's £50, but people are scrupulous lending on single security. Supposes this was Snell's reason. (12, No. 2010.)

1336.—24 Mar., 1693-4. **Luke Singleton,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Since liberty was given of importing brandy, only one parcel has been entered, and that a seizure. The owner holds it at 12*s.* a gallon; he will stay till Le Neve writes what quantity he wants. (12, No. 1987.)

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1337.—31 Mar., 1694. **Charles Fisher,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Considering the straitness of the shop in Cornhill, "and the great extravagant price under which I have labored for these years past, only to work purely for you," Fisher thinks he should have a great abatement. The windows and bars are worn to pieces, and the door pavement is always out of order. Sends box of best tobacco, gross 24 lb. 1 oz., nett 20 lb., at 2*s.*—£2, and the box cost 1*s.* 6*d.* (16, No. 2933.)

1338.—4 April, 1694. **Richard Starling** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Asks payment of "what money you can" on Saturday. (12, No. 2046.)

1339.—12 April, 1694. **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Reepham.

The doe is killed and is "tolerable good"; expects Oliver, Sir John, and Mr. Luker, to come to dinner to-morrow: tell Mr. Herne not to forget to-morrow's visit to Heydon. (16, No. 2925.)

1340.—16 April, 1694. **William Newson,** Uggeshall [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham (to be left at Mr. Thomas Haver's house, Norwich).

Wonders the college is coming so suddenly: if they do, they will hold a court and force Mr. Preston to take up his land at Ringland, this being the third court. (2, No. 260.)

1341.—21 April, 1694. **Charles Fisher,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has had no answer to his last letter. Must have an abatement or he will go elsewhere, "for now I purely slave for you." (16, No. 2926.)

1342.—27 April, 1694. **J. Snelling** [?] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Authority for Mr. Bayfield to receive £6 due to Sir John Hubart, Mr. Burleigh, and Mr. Barker; one year's interest on £100 due last January. (12, No. 1994.)

1343.—8 May, 1694. **Robert Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Monsey has lately made the last payment to his brother for an estate he bought, and owing to his being disappointed in payment of

LE NEVE MSS. a small sum on a parcel of land "in our town," had to borrow £10 of a friend. Is compelled to ask for the £30 in Le Neve's hands, or at least the £10 he has borrowed. Would not have troubled him if Mr. Lake could have done it, but Lake has lately returned money to Mr. Pitfield, and is about making a new roof to his chancel. (12, No. 2024.)

1344.—9 May, 1694. **Same** to **same.**

Sends thanks for £10 received by Le Neve's order from Mr. Thomas Sacheverell. The weather has been so dry and Monsey's artichokes ["heartychoaks"] so backward, that he will not take any slips off till next day, when Le Neve's gardener can have what are to spare. If the gardener comes, asks for half-a-dozen africons [?], "for all my annuals are destroyed by a surprising frost." (12, No. 2026.)

1345.—12 May, 1694. **Jeffery Mann,** Holkham, to **Oliver [Le] Neve,** Witchingham.

Believes Le Neve's request will be granted. Will write to Captain Walpole and advise Le Neve of his answer. (12, No. 2025.)

1346.—18 May, 1694. **John Pitts,** Norwich, to **Captain [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Yesterday, Bircham, the tailor, brought a pattern to match: as he is no customer of Pitts, and was not "plain-hearted" in his answers, Pitts at first refused him; but on his coming again, thinking it might be for Le Neve's liveries, he gave him three patterns, duplicates of which he now encloses. That at 6*s.* Pitts is sure will not please; that at 8*s.* 6*d.* may do well, but that at 9*s.* "is worth them both." Hopes Le Neve will employ no other draper. Also sends patterns of finest cloths and newest colours. Please show them to Sir John and the Captain. (2, No. 257.)

1347.—22 May, 1694. **Jeffery Mann,** Holkham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Captain Walpole is sorry he cannot serve Le Neve "in the running of your colt," but the paddock was already disposed of. Hopes Le Neve will receive the colt sound and well. (12, No. 2023.)

1348.—25 May, 1694. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has seen Neve's tenant, Riches, who will wait upon him and seems compliant. Received yesterday an account that the Master hath made a report in Sir John's case, and Rippingall will have it next day to serve Madam Gawdy personally. Mr. Squibb hath promised that Sir Charles shall give security on the land for the money, but Rippingall will not stay proceedings unless Le Neve instructs him. Sorry to hear Le Neve has been ill. (2, No. 251.)

1349.—25 May, 1694. **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Earle's wife is going to the Bath. Can Le Neve pay the remainder of the £30 by bill on London? If he could make it £40 or £50 Earle will pay balance on demand at Norwich. The weather was too wet yesterday for bowling. Tell Mr. Looker Mrs. Earle will suit herself with a gardener when in London. (16, No. 2928.)

1350.—25 May, 1694. **Edward Earle,** Heydon, to **[O. Le Neve].**

The potter cannot make any pans as large as Le Neve wants, "except he makes a new mill, and that would be 20*s.* charge."

He has two oval pans by him, made for Sir R. Petts, sixteen inches by twelve inches over and six inches or better deep. This is his largest size. (16, No. 2930.)

1351.—28 May, 1694. **Rev. William Dilke,** Barton, to **Captain [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham (to be left at the Popinjay, Norwich).

Dilke's parishioner, Cubit of Waxham, can supply Le Neve with reed at 40*s.* a hundred; the carter must come to Hickling for it. Leave word for Dilke at Mr. Walsh the Registrar's, in the Close, when the carts are to come, that Cubit may meet them. It would cost 12*s.* 6*d.* a hundred for Cubit to deliver it at Coltishall Bridge. (12, No. 2048.)

1352.—7 June, 1694. **Richard Starling** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** Great Witchingham.

Asks payment of balance of his bill; also what is due from Sir John Gawdy. (12, No. 2043.)

1353.—12 June, 1694. **George Stamp** (?), Twyford, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Neve's farm at Scarning is too far for Stamp to take. He is also occupied with a boarder, my wife's mother, who is very ancient, and "hath some little matters depending in this world." (2, No. 259.)

1354.—20 June, 1694. **J. Snelling** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Snelling is going to London. Please pay the £6 to his wife. (12, No. 1993.)

1355.—7 July, 1694. **Edward Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Earle returns the verses, which he has perused. The writer has made Le Neve "double Master of the Green." Earle is not of Quarles' opinion that "good bowling and honesty are inconsistent." Le Neve is proof to the contrary. (16, No. 2927.)

1356.—8 Aug., 1694. **Richard Starling** to **Capt. Oliver Le Neve.**

Asks £10 on account to be sent by his servant, Francis Reeder, as he has to pay £100 to Capt. Earle. (12, No. 2045.)

1357.—26 Aug. [1694?]. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham, "pt. pd. at Newmarket."

Is sorry for his mistake as to the date of "our last Clubb"; the conveniency of the stage coach was but little. He was taken with a violent pain in his head at Attleburgh, where, having lost their way, and night coming on, they were forced to stay. Next day, the pain and sickness kept him at Thetford in bed till three o'clock, whence he rode at a foot pace to Barton Mills. Discusses the disputed identity of a beagle, which he claimed of Mr. Earle as his own: is it "Sempetris" or "Comely"? It is as difficult to prove as the right name of a rogue, who goes by three or four. Harry Wilson swears all the oaths he can, "which everybody knows are not a few," that she belongs to Mr. Coleman, of Bury, who had her from her breeder, Tho. Spring. Under these circumstances,

LE NEVE MSS. and in default of marking, Millecent will not think of taking the bitch, but next time he comes will bring the bitch's sister, so like her as to show he had cause for his claim. Ask Mr. Layer what Millecent is to do with Beauty, she is too tall and long, and looks strangely in his pack. Mr. Walsingham wants a deep mouthed [beagle or hound?] to breed into for the King. (12, No. 2057.)

1358.—10 Sept., 1694. **Thomas St. John** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Being lately moved, and having workmen about, begs to be "loosed of my duty to-morrow." (2, No. 256.)

1359.—21 Sept., 1694. **Andrew Brereton** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Mr. Themylthorpe writes to have Mrs. Chamberleyn's £50 paid in within six months, to make up "a sum to put into the fund." (12, No. 2047.)

1360.—2 October, 1694. **Clement Hutton** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Hutton's default at the muster was not from contempt but necessity, "by reason of the harvest time we could not get a man." Will not fail next muster to appear well accoutred every way." (16, No. 2931.)

1361.—29 Oct., 1694. **Henry Rippingall** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** at Sir John Gawdy's, West Harling.

No attachment can be had against Madam Vere Gawdy until the decree and subpœna are served on her counsel and clerk in court; and the money demanded by an authorized person. Encloses a letter of attorney for that purpose, to be signed by Sir John Gawdy: let it be sent to Mr. Mohun at Mr. Warkhouse's Chamber, Lincoln's Inn. When attachment comes, Sir John's servant, Mr. Worts, will be the fittest person to "do the business." (2, No. 254.)

1362.—3 Nov., 1694. **Edmund Themylthorpe** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Le Neve was returned on jury to try the cause at bar, Foster *v.* Clynton, and fined £5 in default. Let him make his excuse by affidavit, and Themylthorp (who goes to London) will try to serve him. (11, No. 1923.)

1363.—10 Nov., 1694. **Charles Fisher,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Will pay the sum due to Le Neve when he comes to Lynn Mart next February. (16, No. 2932.)

1364.—18 Nov., 1694. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Would have written earlier after his return from Le Neve, but was delayed by the Mayor's feast at Lynn, and "the rest of the visits the girls had to make after my return with the horses to the doctors, &c." Has not yet tried Mr. Earle's bitch, except with Mr. Eldred's small dogs, when she would not "hunt a stroke." Perceives she is a coy lady, &c. (12, No. 2029.)

1365.—20 Nov., 1694. **Edward Legh** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve,** to be left at Mr. Verdon's, Norwich Close.

The neckcloths Legh sent are the only sort now worn, but can be changed. Is sorry the white wine was not liked; the chain and swivels are the same as Legh's own. (11, No. 1926.)

1366.—22 Nov., 1694. **Henry Rippingall,** Furnival's Inn, to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS.

Encloses the attachments against Madam Gawdy, which (as the Sheriff is in town) he has got endorsed with warrants. Mr. Worts has been named specially as one of the bailiffs. When taken, if she does not give security by bail or on land, take her at once to Bury Jail, otherwise the "mobb" may rescue her: the Sheriff reports them "very insolent and troublesome when any such thing as this happens against any of that family." Suggests Worts going with her to all the manors she holds copyhold land of, and getting them surrendered then and there, &c. The attachments are for £282. 4*s.* 7*d.*, principal and interest, and £77. 16*s.* 8*d.* costs. The bailiff Bishopp lives at Yaxley in Suffolk, and Capper lives in Wingfield. Rippingall left "the bottle and letter at Bourne Bridge [Camb.?]" (2, No. 255.)

1367.—30 Nov., 1694. **John Melchior,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Understands Le Neve wants a copper boiler made to hold three or four gallons more than the iron pot. Is it to be made in the fashion of an iron pot? or in the fashion of a copper? Is it to hang in mason's work, or is it to have ears and a bayll? (*sic*). (2, No. 250.)

1368.—3 Dec., 1694. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The bottle Le Neve sent, "though a new tincture with you, proves with us the old Elixir Salutis." Is glad at the prospect of Le Neve's visiting Barham; cannot they also meet at Harling and take Newmarket in their way? Covets a mare belonging to a gentleman, who "knows not her value," only riding her to markets. She was bred by "Old Chuff," brother to the famous "Why Not"? (12, No. 2028.)

1369.—20 Dec., 1694. **Edward Legh** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has sent by Suggett two pottle bottles of best oil. Tried to dispose of the neck cloths, but cannot get one sold; people only buy what they bespeak. Has returned them in a box to Le Neve's Doctor. (11, No. 1925.)

1370.—22 Dec., 1694. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Expects to be able to accommodate Le Neve with £100, but begs he will not speak to Captain Turner about the affair, as being in a hurry, Rippingall forgot his message, but will write to Turner on Monday. (2, No. 252.)

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1371.—3 Jan., 1694-5. **Clement Herne** [London], to his neighbor, **Oliver Le Neve,** Great Witchingham.

Herne has nothing to do, now "soliciting business is put to bed till term." The town abounds with sorrow "for the death of our nursing mother, whose virtues, and other extraordinary qualifications, was, and is still, the sole theme in all public places, to that degree as distils tears from every eye but Drapers, Tailors, and Sword-cutlers, whose exemplar moderation springs from a full pocket." Parliament are devising ways and means. Does not yet know who is to be Sheriff of Norfolk. A bill is proposed that in each

LE NEVE MSS. County shall be kept a register for recording conveyances, mortgages, and wills, copyholds and leases exempted. Le Neve's brother is ill with fistula. (12, No. 2004.)

1372.—7 Jan., 1694-5. **John Millecent,** Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is glad to hear of Mrs. Le Neve's safe getting up. The good Queen's death is much to be lamented, "from which there may justly rise greater fears than everyone apprehends, especially if they heard what I did when last at London." Cannot get a deep-mouthed hound for Le Neve, Mr. Stubbins' small pack is the only one about there. A short trussed slow beagle can be got at Cambridge, or the hound in Surry through Peter Le Neve's interest with Mr. Shertrudge. Wonders Le Neve wishes to set up a pack, as he can hunt at so many other men's charge, and might himself enjoy the rarer and less expensive sport of hawking. Still, if Le Neve can get "good store of flesh or other dogs' meat, 'tis near as cheap hunting hounds as hawks," and more pleasure to hunt with one's own pack. To get a good pack requires long breeding, or buying one downright. Stubbins' hounds are like Tumblers, with deep ears and tongues; all other deep-tongued dogs are nasty, ugly, devouring creatures": would advise in preference "a little short trussed, slow-running beagle, with a chumping tongue." (12, No. 2052.)

1373.—12 Jan., 1694-5. **Jeffrey Mann** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Mr. Coke has the small pox. My lady and the Captain are gone to London. The hounds written about are at Burnham, and the two spaniels will be acceptable. (12, No. 2031.)

1374.—24 Jan., 1694-5. **Clement Herne** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Herne has voluntarily taken on him Sir Harry's commands in requesting whether all the soldiers are removed out of South Erpingham and Eynsford hundreds, and what monies are owing to the housekeepers in Foulsham, Reepham, Cawston, Aylsham, &c., and will see them all paid if particulars are sent him. Sir Harry and Sir Jacob will try to insert the names of the two gentlemen Le Neve mentioned for Commissioners. Unless Sir William Cooke concurs (which is unlikely) it will be hard to lessen the number.

The goldsmith's and scrivener's petition against the Bank is rejected. Hints that it will succeed better when there are fewer bankers in the house, and when "those without have played their pranks." A chimney tax is spoken of, only different from the "former abhorred act" in that 5*s.* is the maximum on any house. No Sheriff of Norfolk yet. New Secretarys of State are expected, one being like to die, the other to be blind. The weather is fiercely cold. Will visit Peter Le Neve and find what part he is to act in the solemn interment of the Queen. Tories and Whigs have lately competed for place. Herne sees no chance of any for him, "all is whist and quiet without and within the walls, which I hope may continue so to the end of Yours very passively, C. H." (12, No. 2001.)

1375.—25 Jan., 1694-5. **John Starling,** Hockering, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Expects his money paid at Candlemas. (12, No. 2044.)

1376.—12 Feb., 1694-5. **Elizabeth Story** to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS.

Claims acquaintance with Le Neve, formerly at Highgate. The kindness of his family to her's makes her ask his consideration. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. Plampin, and is reduced to want. Can get no work, and is almost starved with cold and hunger. Please direct to be left at Mr. Abrathat's, an oilman, next door to the French Arms in Drury Lane, over against Russell Court. (2, No. 262.)

[The following letters are almost identical in their wording with the above, and are therefore given here together.]

1377.—22 Jan., 1695-6. Similar letter, referring to "your good mother, my aunt," visiting them at Highgate; also that she married unfortunately, and was left with two children. Everything "is scarce and hard," and she has lately been arrested. Address her at Mr. Walker's, next door to the Shoulder of Mutton in Shoe Lane, near Fleet Street. (2, No. 263a.)

1378.—7 Feb., 1695-6. Similar letter; refers to her father having "fined for alderman." (2, No. 276.)

1379.—29 July, 1696. Similar letter; answer to be sent to Mr. Haynes, an ironmonger at the Locks, Keys, and Crowns, over against the White Horse Inn in Fleet Street, near Water Lane. (2, No. 295.)

1380.—12 Feb., 1694-5. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

A letter of "dog-talk, as we call it." Millecent has been visiting Thomas Richers, and on his way saw Mr. Meade, who left off being a great falconer six years past and took to hunting, which he now gives up for farming. Recommends his pack of sixteen couple for Le Neve. A Dutchman lately looked at them, but they were not deep-mouthed enough, he "desiring Bovers only and slower." Thinks Meade will take £15 or £20 for the pack. Also recommends a huntsman who served Mr. Dent, and then Mr. Bluck of Hertforshire, and now helps Sir Thomas Brograve's keeper; "an excellent huntsman, blows a horn rarely, and a good groom, a very mettled and stout fellow, . . . and rides under twelve stone." But Le Neve mustn't expect him to keep the hounds in kennel free from mange and three horses in stable without help of a stout boy to get in the straw and boil dog's meat, &c., which must be done while the huntsman is out with the pack. Such a boy too would look after the hounds while the huntsman goes abroad with Le Neve as groom. (12, No. 2050.)

1381.—14 Feb., 1694-5. **Thomas Pigge,** Dunham Magna, to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Captain Mason was not as good as his promise, for on viewing his pack, he can only spare Le Neve a couple (Topper and Jollyboy), extraordinary whelps of his own breeding. He will lend Le Neve others if desired. (4, No. 687.)

1382.—20 Feb., 1694-5. **Charles Fisher,** The Popingay, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Thanks for entertainment. Hopes Le Neve will accept the large terms Fisher offers. Is drinking Le Neve's health with honest Harry Shardelow. Has written to Mr. Scott to send the fish, if it can be bought. (16, No, 2924.)

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1383.—20 Feb., 1694-5. **William Rudglidg** to **Capt. Le Neve** ["Capt. Knave" (*sic*)], at Witchingham. To be left at Mr. Havers', goldsmith, near the Red Well, Norwich.

Cannot come as huntsman as promised. His wife will not consent; and if left, threatens to place his child on the parish. (10, No. 1596.)

1384.—28 Feb., 1694-5. **Clement Herne** [London], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

In executing the 4*s.* tax Herne supposes Le Neve will follow much after last year's proportion, except as to Foxley, which (Mr. Pitfield complains), raised itself about the common standard. Herne will join in reducing it as it was before the Assessors outvied one another in swearing. Sir Jacob Astley's manor of Foulsham should not be taxed. The proposed tax on woollen manufacture will be grateful to Norfolk, because there are no foldcourses in that county, and such plenty of wood. "Here is great cheats as to money matters discovered; I know who are the losers, the gainers too many and too great to refund." Fra. Windham is High Sheriff; Carter, Under-sheriff. The Queen lies in state. "Your brother and sister in health, &c." (12, No. 2005.)

1385.—March, 1694-5 [?]. **Erasmus Earle,** Heydon, to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Defends his spouse against the false story spread by the Thorp family as to her dislike of "the deceased," Earle's cousin, at the news of whose death she continued in a swoon half-an-hour. Earle would have been sure to have heard of it: "her resentments of anybody seldom escape my ears." Will settle business as to coach-horses when they next meet. (16, No. 2935.)

1386.—6 March, 1694-5. **John Millecent,** Bourne Bridge [Cambridge], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Jo. Cock, the huntsman mentioned before [No. 1380], is ready for Le Neve's service, and his old master, Mr. Dent, will not let him go "a huntsman without a hound," but will give him a hound or two, and Millecent has leave to choose what he pleases from the pack of a gentleman who gives over hunting. Mr. Mead's hounds are sold to a German for thirty guineas. Millecent is just going to hunt a leash of kept does brought by Lord Walden. (12, No. 2051.)

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1387.—2 April, 1695. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Dent and Sir Thomas Brograve delayed so long in sending word to [Cock] that when they did send he was already hired. Millecent is much vexed: had he known in time he would have sent Davy, "who has so long bit upon the marriage bridle as he would be glad to be a little unbridled." Millecent is laid up with gout, "fit only for Bedlam, raving and tearing my clothes." (12, No. 2055.)

1388.—27 April, 1695.—**Andrew Brereton to Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Madam Briggs is come from London and wants her interest. (10, No. 1597.)

1389.—15 May, 1695. **William Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Desires loan of £5, being as much more as Captain Gawdy has already had on Looker's account. (11, No. 1929.)

1390.—15 May, 1695. **J. Snelling** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Please pay Burley's, Barker's, and Madam Bedingfield's interest. (12, No. 1995.)

1391.—16 May, 1695. **William Lascoe,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has paid £15 as per order, and will stop it out of his rent. (2, No. 274.)

1392.—25 May, 1695. **Mary Briggs,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Will wait three months longer for her money if necessary. (10, No. 1595.)

1393.—14 June, 1695. **William Turner** (at Mr. Clark's, an Apothecary, Norwich Market-place) to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Turner waited on Le Neve with Mr. Gibson's letter of recommendation. He was formerly servant to Mr. Banbridge. (12, No. 1996.)

1394.—24 June, 1695. **John Millecent,** Littlebury [Essex], to **Oliver Le Neve,** at the Red Lion, Cambridge, "he is in the Norwich Coach."

After Le Neve left Millecent, the latter was engaged to go to Sir John Cotton's, two miles beyond Cambridge, and tried to catch Le Neve here and introduce him to Tho. Richers. Cannot yet come to Witchingham. (12, No. 2056.)

1395.—24 June, 1695. **Edward Earle,** Sall, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Writes to know if his money in the lottery has been fortunate. (16, No. 2941.)

1396.—3 Aug., 1695. **Robert Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Went yesterday to Colteshall with cousin Breer to agree for coals, where met some company who kept them playing late and "drinking a little more than ordinary." His wife too caught cold at the "Spaw at Olton [Hants?], and is only fit for her bed." For these reasons they are unfit to go with Le Neve to Harling as they designed. (10, No. 1601.)

1397.—9 Sept., 1695. **William Looker** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Please send 10*s.* by Will. Cock. (11, No. 1928.)

1398.—11 Sept., 1695. **Same** to **same.**

Please pay Sam. Burtcham £1. 16*s.* (11, No. 1930.)

1399.—13 Sept., 1695. **Jeremy Norris,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Writes for interest due from Le Neve and Sir John Gawdy. (2, No. 267.)

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1400.—20 Sept., 1695. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Sent the muzzles as soon as they were made. Has been "as far as to look upon the borders of Wales from Edge Hill in Warwickshire," to see a gelding recommended to him, which, after all, was not up to his weight. (12, No. 2058.)

1401.—23 Sept., 1695. **Henry Eglinton,** Bardeswell, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The mare is still at grass, and "they" will not make her fit for the race unless it be a match of £10 or so. (16, No. 2944.)

1402.—24 Sept., 1695. **Charles Fisher,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham (care of Fisher's aunt, Jane Osborne, Norwich).

Gives warning to quit the shop next Lady-day, and will put up bill. £2 is due on Mr. Reade's lottery tickets, not £3. Fisher will move under Mason's Coffee-house. Has been to Stourbridge fair, and will see Le Neve after Lynn Mart. (16, No. 2943.)

1403.—28 Sept., 1695. **Andrew Brereton** [Norwich] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has procured loan of £100 for him. (10, No. 1599.)

1404.—30 Sept., 1695. **Jo. Hardy,** Elsing, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Applies on behalf of bearer, Goody Easton, a poor widow of Elsing parish, for warrant against her untoward apprentice, Sarah Denmark. She will not do her stint of work, which used to be 2*s.* a week and is now but 8*d.* "Her mouth is full of oaths and curses . . . Bridewell will reclaim her more than a catechism." Begs she may be sent to the house of correction. (2, No. 268.)

1405.—9 Oct., 1695. **Hnry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has a letter to Le Neve from Sir Edmund Doyly, desiring Le Neve to subscribe £159 per ann. for him to the Land Bank. Mr. Layer also desires to subscribe £100 per ann. in Norfolk or Suffolk, or one of them. (2, No. 264.)

1406.—31 Oct., 1695. **Richard Dermott,** Castle Hill [Norwich], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

William Woolley, late Le Neve's servant, and committed on his warrant, has enlisted under Capt. Beekley in Col. Farrington's regiment, if Le Neve will send warrant for his discharge. (10, No. 1600.)

1407.—1 Nov., 1695. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Cousin Di. Chester that was (now Remington) has been here. Millecent has an attraction in shape of a weight carrier up to 20 stone, and yet a "bred horse that gallops as fine as any galloper." Gave £40 for him, though he is untrained, a perfect colt that knows not how to manage himself or his legs, yet he has "passed the Newmarket Censure." Is going to Cambridge to meet Peter. (12, No. 2058.)

1408.—6 Nov., 1695. **Richard Mason,** Necton, to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS

Thanks Le Neve for the offer of his hounds, but is full at present. I shall not want to buy any more this winter. (Endorsed in another hand; "they are good leapers, and speedy enough for any hound.") (2, No. 271.)

1409.—8 Dec., 1695. **Edward Earle,** Heydon, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's College, London.

Sends the best account he can, viz., 5076 [apparently a sort of census], Brandeston and Hindolveston not being to hand, and other places only mentioning children without giving the number. (16, No. 2946.)

1410.—9 Dec., 1695. **Ralph Hawtrey,** Ruislip [Middlesex], to his nephew, **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office, London.

Hopes to see him at Ruislip before he returns home. (12, No. 1997.)

1411.—18 Dec., 1695. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office, London.

Will meet Le Neve at Bishop's Stortford. Try and persuade the coach to come out soon enough to let them ride on that night to Thomas Richers', "being but six miles, and moonshine." If the weather not good next day at Bourne Bridge [Cambridge] for hunting, has arranged a cocking match. (10, No. 1598.)

1412.—19 Dec., 1695. **N. Helwis** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office, London.

Has received Le Neve's two letters, and understands "they are much departed from their first proposals, and run into a good many other projects, which, not being well understood, will cause many scruples." Believes to make good the land according to the ancient value will cost much more than two millions, "and if no allay we shan't keep hold long." Asks Le Neve to buy him half-a-dozen gallons "and send them together." (2, No. 265.)

1413.—22 Dec., 1695. **Edward Earle,** Sall, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Will send the duplicates by Thursday's coach. Brandeston is the only one missing. (16, No. 2998a.)

1414.—26 Dec., 169[5?] **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office, London.

Designs to visit Thomas Richers, and would gladly arrange to meet Le Neve. (12, No. 2060.)

CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

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LE NEVE CORRESPONDENCE.

1695-6.

1415.—2 Jan., 1695-6. **Jonathan Millner,** Pope's Head Alley [London], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office. [By penny post].

Will be at home to-night to pay his rent: hopes the pleasure of drinking with Le Neve. (2, No. 226.)

1416.—9 Jan., 1695-6. **Charles Fisher,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Sends a box of best tobacco (nett 21 lb., at 2*s.* a lb.), and 2 lb. best tobacco for Sir John Gawdy. (16, No. 2945.)

1417.—12 Jan., 1695-6. **Eliz. Lamb** [Norwich] to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Her husband has left for the North, and **Mr.** Kemp for London; does not know how to get the business done. (11, No. 1927.)

1418.—2 Feb., 1695-6. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is sorry for the trick played on Le Neve by the man who sold him two beagles he had already sold to another. Is going to town about their vicarage trial. (10, No. 1604.)

1419.—5 Feb., 1695-6. **Alington Harrison,** West Wickham [Camb.], to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Claims to be the owner of the two beagles, "Synger and Curious," which Le Neve bought of the bearer, one Wakilin, "he was that rascal as to make sale of them when you were last over in these parts at Capt. Millecent's." Harrison hopes Le Neve will take his money back and not detain his dogs. (2, No. 275.)

1420.—10 Feb., 1695-6. **Erasmus Earle,** Heydon, to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Is sorry that on putting on his considering cap he finds he cannot give Le Neve any young trees, having such constant use of them to make spars of. Wishes Le Neve joy. (16, No. 2936.)

1421.—11 Feb., 1695-6. **William Lascoe,** London, to **Oliver Le. Neve,** Witchingham.

Sends ambergris and goa stones by Suggit the carrier.

[Oliver Le Neve's wife died in child-birth; she was the only daughter of Sir John Gawdy of West Harling]. (2, No. 273.)

1422.—21 Feb., 1695-6. **R. Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham

Condolences on loss of Le Neve's wife. (10, No. 1603.)

1423.—25 Feb., 1695-6. **Edward Earle,** Sall, to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Sends condolences. Has spoken to Steward, who goes to Cawston nursery to see what trees may be spared. Cousin Earl is at Capt. Soames. (16, No. 2934.)

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1424.—27 Feb., 1695-6. **Sir Horatio Pettus** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. [Dated Feb., 1696].

Condoles with Le Neve's great loss, which he hopes in time may be recovered. Designed to bring Nancy himself, but the whelp killed about £4 worth of sheep, "so the owner happened of her and shot her." (2, No. 299.)

1425.—28 Feb., 1695-6. **Nicholas L'Estrange**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Circular letter concerning Commissioners for the 4*s.* aid on 5th March. (2, No. 227.)

1426.—3 March, 1695-6. **Clement Herne** [London] to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

The enclosed confirms the reports. All things lead Herne to believe "that all non-jurors and Jacks [Jacobites] in most counties will be in great danger, either as to their estates or persons, my native county not excepted. I think it for the public good and your private interest to follow the example of our representatives for the Division wherein you and I have so unanimously acted, in which I shall concur." Will join Le Neve in subscribing on his return in a few days. (12, No. 2003.)

1427.—4 March, 1695-6. **Erasmus Earle** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Has to march his troop to Yarmouth next week, and having no horse, begs the loan of Le Neve's chestnut gelding, which he will return as "fat and fine" as when delivered to him. (16, No. 2938.)

1428.—10 Mar., 1695-6. **Edward Fuller**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Can furnish Le Neve with any quantity of clover grass seed, good new seed, but not so fine this year as usual. The lowest price is £4. 4*s.* per cwt., which is 9*d.* a lb. "There is no tuberose yet come." Hopes to have some in ten days. "My service to my brother Looker." (2, No. 282.)

1429.—11 Mar., 1695-6. **Ali. Millecent**, Barham [Suffolk], to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Condolences on loss of his wife, the news of whose death she received "with showers of tears." (10, No. 1606.)

1430.—12 Mar., 1695-6. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve**.

Condoles with Le Neve. Recommends the "innocent and wholesome recreation, hunting." (10, No. 1605.)

1431.—14 Mar., 1695-6. **William Lascoe**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**.

Sends wormseeds, which are very dear, and so has lessened the quantity. Encloses account for ambergris and goa stone. (2, No. 272.)

1432.—24 Mar., 1695. **Edward Fuller**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sold the clover grass seed, there being a very great demand for it, so that they have to send to Holland, which has raised the price. Sends a sample of very fine seed; in general it is very coarse, red seed; the lowest price is 11*d.* a pound, which is dear, but cannot be helped. Can send any quantity up to five cwt. There is 2*d.* in the pound difference in the goodness of clover seeds. (2, No. 263.)

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1433.—28 Mar., 1696. **William Lascoe,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Cannot increase his offer of £1500 for Le Neve's interest in "this house, and your part of Mr. Drope's." Will not make above two per cent. on his money, it is £400 more than any one else will give. An Act of Parliament will have to be got, but that is for Le Neve to manage. (2, No. 302.)

1434.—2 April, 1696. **Edward Fuller,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Sends the seed in two sacks by Southgatt. (2, No. 288.)

1435.—12 April, 1696. **William Lascoe,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Repeats the offer in his last letter. (2, No. 303.)

1436.—17 April, 1696. **Andrew Brereton** [Norwich] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Mrs. Briggs wants her money; two-and-a-half years' interest is due. (10, No. 1618.)

1437.—23 April, 1696. **Nicholas L'Estrange,** Mileham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Circular letter calling a meeting of the Commissioners under the Act for granting several rates or duties upon houses for making good the deficiency of the clipped money. The meeting is for 7th May, at the Castle, Norwich. (2, No. 289.)

1438.—12 May, 1696. **J. Tuder,** Knightsbridge, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Conceives that Le Neve's letter of 29th ult. exceeded his commission, and that he has acted more as a solicitor for widow Walker against widow Paine. The latter was in peaceable possession as her father's heir, and came to London, leaving the door padlocked. On her return she found the lock broken and door nailed up; the forcible entry then was chargeable to Walker and her confederates. "Partiality and passion overwhelm your law and reason . . . thundering out your threats against poor ignorant folk . . . Bunn and Abbott are a couple of busy coxcombs . . . the manner of my travelling on foot or horseback should not be worth your thought, much less your scoff. I am sure my honesty outbalances your Christianity, &c." (12, No. 2065.)

1439.—25 May, 1696. **Robert Fisher** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office, London.

Has not sold the bullocks. Shall want money (let it be "mill money or guineas") for the fair. The horse has a film, "but his eyes have no run in them." (16, No. 2952.)

1440.—27 May, 1696. **Ralph Hawtrey** and **S. Blois** [?] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office.

Invitation to Cross Keys Tavern in Holborn. (12, No. 2064.)

1441.—27 May, 1696. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve,** at his brother's house in Doctors' Commons.

Having heard that Sir John Gawdy's £230 would be paid at Midsummer, Rippingall went to Witchingham for orders, when he found Le Neve had gone to London. Incloses the last letter he

received, from which it appears that the money and writings would be ready. Sir John, on receipt of his money and execution of reasonable conveyances, is to have a release from Madam Gawdy. The counsellor is Mr. Lacey, his chamber is a ground room, No. 8 in the Inner Temple, against the garden wall and within four doors of the Crown Office. Hopes, if Sir John gets the money, that he will repay Rippingall the balance due him on this account. After a deduction of £7, the costs are £99. 9*s.* 8*d.*, and he has received £31. 1*s.* 6*d.*, leaving a balance of £68. 8*s.* 2*d.* (2, No. 284.)

1442.—31 May, 1696. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Apologises for neglecting to secure places in the coach, being late and distracted by the dispute between J. Flack and the coachman. (10, No. 1607.)

1443.—11 July, 1696. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve**, to be left at Mr. Jeremy Berry's, near Norwich Market Place.

Has pleaded to Allen's ejectment suit and retained Mr. Selby, Mr. Warkhouse, and Mr. Kendall, for Le Neve's counsel. Trial to be at the next Assizes. Knows not what to do for money; bank bills being only taken at 15 per cent. allowance. Has delivered Mr. Samford's writings. (2, No. 286.)

1444.—12 July, 1696. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Hopes Flurry will turn out a better beagle than he described her, if not, will take her back. (10, No. 1608.)

1445.—19 July, 1696. **W. Rolfe** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Rolfe's mother-in-law, Mrs. Ringall, wants her £50 and interest at Michaelmas. (2, No. 293.)

1446.—21 July, 1696. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Mr. Harrison sent the wrong hound, so Flurry travels alone. The horse-cloths go by coach and cost 40*s.* Is going to Babraham [Camb.] Crane won thirteen mains out of seventeen. (10, No. 1609.)

1447.—25 July, 1696. **Andrew Brereton** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Mrs. Briggs will wait till Christmas for her principal, if interest (£2. 10*s.*) is paid in fourteen days. (10, No. 1616.)

1448.—25 July, 1696. **Jeremy Norris**, Norwich, to **Sir John Gawdy.**

Norris reminds Sir John that when he paid his last half-year's interest, he gave notice that he intended to pay the principal this next half year. May Norris depend upon the money? "Captain Lullman desires to be resolved likewise." (2, No. 296.)

1449.—29 July, 1696. **Dr. R. Howman** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Encloses directions as to the maid-servant's "ill-conditioned fever." (10, No. 1620.)

1450.—5 Aug., 1696. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Hears Peter is going to Bury; cannot they meet there? Intends to

follow his poor curs mainly this winter, as fast as his blundering coach gelding lets him, "for I shall have no other let, Admiral Russell having been pleased to ease us of all trouble and attendance at sessions or assizes and Deputy Lieutenant's meetings: that is, all that did not sign his first Voluntary Association. I am also eased of the trouble of musters, and therefore may part with my stoned horse . . . ." which he offers Le Neve at the price he gave for it. "Friday next is our doom, when the Admiral comes to the Assizes (as we hear) to take all our deputations and commissions, and to hear us left out of the Peace." Does not think the Duke of Norfolk will do the like in his county without positive orders. When writing, send it by way of London; the last letter would have got to Vienna by the time it reached them. (10, No. 1611.)

1451.—13 Aug., 1696. **Bartholomew Fillingham, Thomas Hall, William Clayton,** and **James Drury,** Agent's Office, Westminster, to **Sheriff of Norfolk,** to be communicated to Commissioners for the 4*s.* aid.

The Lords of the Treasury expected a present account of this aid, and that of the 4th May last, and how much is yet uncollected. (10, No. 1615.)*

1452.—15 Aug., 1696. **James Ford,** Christ's Hospital [London], to [**Oliver Le Neve.**]

Le Neve's son has been twice with Ford, who is satisfied he can hear in some measure, and is likely to improve. Suggests it was partly caused by the boy being brought up so much with [Sir John Gawdy] his grandfather, and accustomed chiefly to signs. If Ford takes him in charge, he will spare neither Art nor Industry in his improvement. Ford has but scant accommodation, but will take both the little boys into his own chamber; their servant can be with them in the house all day. Ford will have a son of Sir Jermy Sarbrook's [?] for his bedfellow, and they shall be treated alike. (10, No. 1613.)

1453.—18 Aug., 1696. **Dr. R. Howman** [Norwich] to [**Oliver Le Neve.**]

Sends another purge for Mrs. Allen. She may now drink wormwood wine, and put scurvy grass and wormwood into all the beer she drinks. (10, No. 1619.)

1454.—24 Aug., 1696. **R. Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Enquires after "little master." Dr. Howman need not be sent on to Reepham, as Monsey's daughter goes to her aunt at Norwich, where she can consult him. (10, No. 1614.)

1455.—25 Aug., 1696. **Jeremy Norris,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Wishes for Le Neve's half-year's interest; also Sir John Gawdy's. (2, No. 297.)

1456.—25 Aug., 1696. **Dr. R. Howman** [Norwich] to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Sends some more spirits for "little Master." Boil sorrel and furfinger in his barley water and make almond milk of it. (10, No. 1621.)

* Paid in the Exchequer by the Receiver General of this aid £61,114. 12*s.* [Copy of letter forwarded to Le Neve by Andrew Brereton].

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1457.—27 Aug., 1696. **Jonathan Millner,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Will Le Neve come to town, or shall the draft leases be sent to him? (2, No. 281.)

1458.—30 Aug., 1696. **John Drake,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Sends by Capt. Shrouder to say he goes to London to buy hops, and will be glad to receive the money due to him there. (12, No. 2006.)

1459.—1 Sept., 1696. **William Lamb,** Norwich, to [**Oliver Le Neve.**]

Enquires after his son's health. (11, No. 1932.)

1460.—5 Sept, 1696. **Jonathan Millner,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Similar letter to No. 1457. (2, No. 283.)

1461.—28 Sept., 1696. **John Tollis,** Weston, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

The Court Leet ought to be held at the Saracen's Head, on the 1st October, but as the harvest is not done, and Tollis will be very busy receiving money for the window-tax, births, and burials, he would like it postponed till 1st November. (2, No. 301.)

1462.—3 Oct., 1696. **Thomas Husband** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Thanks for the hounds; one of them, Dolly, has already strayed off. Address, the Turkey Cock, near the Red Well, Norwich. (16, No. 2949.)

1463.—23 Oct., 1696. **Sir John Holland,** Quidenham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham. (Post paid, 2*d.*)

Holland has bought land, and gives three months' notice to have his £100 repaid him. (2, No. 279.)

1464.—4 Nov., 1696. **John Tollis** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Encloses extract from last Court Leet Roll, which please sign and deliver to the bailiff. (10, No. 1617.)

1465.—14 Nov., 1696. **Sir John Holland** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Harling.

Will try and wait till April for the £100. (2, No. 280.)

1466.—16 Nov., 1696. **Edward Earle,** Sall, to **Oliver Le Neve,** London.

Please buy two pair of spectacles (between 60 and 70 sight), and an ordinary case to bring them in: "they put the glasses now in leather instead of horn." Cox of Long Acre is the chief maker. (16, No. 2948)

1467.—20 Nov., 1696. **Robert Fisher** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office, London.

Advises Le Neve of the horses left in his charge: has not sold the sheep: much small-pox about. (16, No. 2953.)

1468.—23 Nov., 1696. **Edward Earle,** Sall [to **Oliver Le Neve,** London.]

Cousin Earle has a warrant for Le Neve for a doe out of Reynham

Park. Do not forget the spectacles, set in leather, also a handsome case to keep them in. (16, No. 2951.) LE NEVE MSS.

1469.—3 Dec., 1696. **[Robert Fisher]** to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Sends the doe by Suggit's coach, and six dozen of nog by the waggons. (16, No. 2957.)

1470.—5 Dec., 1696. **Adolphus Meetkerke** (Mr. Cambridge's, against the Crown, Arundel St., London) to **Peter Le Neve**, Herald's Office.

Has Le Neve's brother [Oliver] given orders to pay the money due to New College, Oxford? He wrote to Oliver suggesting this to save the trouble of payment in Oxford. (2, No. 290.)

1471.—5 Dec., 1696. **Ralph Hawtrey**, Ruislipp [Middlesex], to nephew, **Oliver Le Neve**, at Peter Le Neve's, Herald's Office.

Is glad to hear of Le Neve's arrival in London. For the business of his private Bill has written to Mr. Walker, and recommends as solicitor Mr. Allen, to get it drawn by Counsel. Walker will get it read, and the fees must be paid before the second reading. He is best seen at 9 a.m., at the Parliament Office in Old Palace Yard, before he goes to the House. (12, No. 2061.)

1472.—7 Dec., 1696. **Edward Earle**, Sall, to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Thanks for news: will send to Rippingal for the spectacles. Is sorry that any of their county should give Le Neve disturbance in his concerns, "but as the proverb says, 'Where are worse than those we bring from home?'" (16, No. 2956.)

1473.—7 Dec., 1696. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Cannot afford yet to visit London, "curst cows have short horns." Compares himself to a poor beast in a common at Michaelmas, separated from Le Neve in a rich meadow by a ditch "as large and deep as my empty bags." They live in a vacuum, nothing but air, and that much rarified by cold. Begs for news. If he can get to town will also go to Slyfield in the calash. His illness is set down by the doctor to Dame Worthington's ale, a high fermenting liquor. (10, No. 1612.)

1474.—7 Dec., 1696. **Giles Bladwell** to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Thanks for letters. Bladwell does not know why his new chariot should be without nails in the quarters, unless it be the way of the town. Let it be as light and strong as possible, hung low and snugly, with the hinder wheels high and strong. The cloth must be green, and get as much of the same as will make a livery. Will send a bill for £33. Mrs. Bladwell wants a scarf and a large, plain black Alamode hood; also two stone of sugar, all which can be packed in the chariot with the harness, &c. Please pay the £10 to Mr. Christopher Crofts, Secretary to the Earl of Burlington, to the use of Mr. Richard Smith, Dublin, for Bladwell's brother Smith is to pay as much for his sister Bab. there. (6, No. 1015.)

1475.—8 Dec., 1696. **Robert Fisher** [Witchingham] to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

The bottles have come home, and Mrs. Bell's cupboard was sent by wherry to Yarmouth. Fears the shepherd will have the small-pox. (16, No. 2950.)

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1476.—9 Dec., 1696. **Giles Bladwell** to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Let the chariot have an iron axle, and the lining contain some green mixture. Has been to Witchingham: Fisher sees to the sheep being foddered, &c. (6, No. 1017.)

1477.—11 Dec., 1696. **Robert Fisher** [Witchingham] to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

The pheasants and goose sent by Mrs. Allen did not go by Suggit, but by the Confatharrat [*sic?* Confederate] coach, which lodges at the Four Swans, Bishopgate Street. (16, No. 2954.)

1478.—11 Dec., 1696. **Rev. Richard Lake**, Sparham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Thanks for Le Neve's intercession for Lake with Mr. Pitfield, and will be glad to hear of result of their next conversation. Does not think he justly forfeited that gentleman's favour. Supposes Hudson is a prisoner again. Has Warner told Le Neve that Mr. Murrel has broken off the lock from a small stile-gate that leads into the churchyard (Lake's boy forgetting to take the lock off as ordered on Sunday mornings, the key whereof he might have had for calling for). This might be told to my Lord of Y[armouth]. Rejoices to hear of little Master's improvement in hearing and speech. (11, No. 1933.)

1479.—14 Dec., 1696. **Giles Bladwell** to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Encloses a bill for £30, and will send an order for £5 "for the use of the poor of Swannington." Saw Le Neve's hounds at the kennel lately, and drank his health with Sir John [Gawdy]. Sends two geese and will send a fat turkey with the chine of pork which Mrs. Allen is to forward next week. Begs to treat Le Neve and Peter to two bottles of claret if they will "vouchsafe to drink for the Rumps." (6, No. 1016.)

1480.—18 Dec., 1696. **William Newson**, Uggeshall, to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Newson's master's settlement was never in his hands; he believes [old Mr. Le Neve's] executor got it. Newson is satisfied that Le Neve's intentions in the matter are good. (2, No. 291.)

1481.—18 Dec., 1696. **Giles Bladwell** to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Do let the chariot be strong, not a slight one as Le Neve described Capt. Millecent's to be. Does not see how it is to come down; Le Neve's mare "mends like sour ale in summer." Neighbor Eglington may, perhaps, buy Le Neve's own chariot. Bladwell's father wants "a pair of white Doncaster stockings with the calves knotted within side" [by an endorsement this appears to mean "with false calves."] "Your mistress" has heard from her son John, who is in garrison in Bruges: please make enquiries as to his behaviour. Peter might ask his wife [Mrs. Bladwell, as per endorsement] when he pays the next month's allowance: and she is to have 10*s.* for the boy's schooling, but the old people will only allow 15*s.* for tokens, and will stop the rest. Mr. Fountaine has sent Le Neve a beagle. Send a stone of 6*d.* and another of 8*d.* sugar by the waggon, beside that already ordered. (6, No. 1018.)

1482.—21 Dec., 1696. **Same** to **same**.

Le Neve's daughter sends two turkeys, together with Mrs. Allen's pork, a brace of pheasants, &c. (6, No. 1019.)

1483.—21 Dec., 1696. **Rev. Richard Lake,** Sparham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** London. LE NEVE MSS.

Lake's enemies, finding they will be cast in his action for tithes, have cited Mr. Taylor (who holds the living for Lake) for non-residence. Begs this "fresh insult" may be told to my Lord Yarmouth, and ask him to send his steward, Mr. Elding, to communicate his resentment of it to Newman, Hudson, and Murrell. (11, No. 1934.)

1484.—22 Dec., 1696. **Edward Earle,** Sall, to Oliver Le Neve, London.

Rippingall is not back yet at Aylsham. "Here is neither news nor money, the poor tenants have scarce enough to buy a pair of scales, new is not to [be] found in every pocket, which makes the generality of trade bad." (16, No. 2959.)

1485.—28 Dec., 1696. **John Harston** ["Harlstongue," as endorsed by Le Neve], Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office, London.

Is sorry he cannot answer Verdon's expectations, as he was forced to part with Verdon's £20 bond, which cannot be re-called without payment. The money he got on the bond he "very faithfully and freely" lost at Swaffham meeting, "for Sweetlips and your friend Cripple with a d——d Norwich mare, sent me to Norwich penniless." Captain Walpole, who is in town, can tell Le Neve what the "fifty shilling horse" was when Harston had him first; it was better by £5 when he parted with it. Paid 20*s.* for a saddle for the horse, but believes he won't sue Verdon for that; but would gladly serve him about his other colts, keeping his secrets and riding forty miles to serve him. (2, No. 300.)

1486.—29 Dec., 1696. **Rebert Fisher** [Witchingham] to **Oliver Le Neve,** London.

Sends news of horses and stock. Has killed the bull and given it to the poor. Paid Francis Andros £14. 9*s.* (16, No. 2955.)

1487.—30 Dec., 1696. **Giles Bladwell** to **Oliver Le Neve,** London.

Charles Starkey's young beagle will do no good, it has a worse tongue than Pallasse, and three of Lovely's whelps are not worth bringing up: the two at Felmingham are fine ones, and "now begin to plague the warrener." "The Rakes" are with Bladwell, and drink Le Neve's health. Mrs. Allen is a "good guide" at Witchingham; but can't govern the unruly ones. Send a dozen of Buck-horn hafted knives and forks, and crimson shalloon and flat brass buttons to line and trim Tom's livery. (6, No. 1020.)

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1488.—1 Jan., 1696-7. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** London.

Cannot come to town. Would have preferred not to have had the vehicle lined with cloth, which is sure to get moth-eaten: thinks facing part of the back with yellow serge would have done. Is going to Waldon [Essex?] about Thomas Sparrows. (10, No. 1622.)

1489.—6 Jan., 1696-7. **Ralph Hawtrey** [Ruislip, Middlesex] to nephew, **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office, London.

["Twelfth day."] Blames Le Neve for riding to London without

NEVE MSS. any "accoutrements proper for such a journey," when he could not get a place in the coach, why did he not return to his friends? Has he not caught a great cold? (12, No. 2062.)

1490.—8 Jan., 1696-7. **Same** to **same.**

Is glad to hear Le Neve got safely to town: hopes his parliamentary business will succeed. (10, No. 1610.)

1491.—11 Jan., 1696-7. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Thanks Le Neve and Peter for offer of pecuniary help. Has had a third relapse of the gout, and must hasten to town for advice. Has sent to his cousin Carnegee to lodge there near George Wright. (10, No. 1623.)

1492.—11 Jan., 1696-7. **B. Mott** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Herald's Office.

There is only half a year's rent owing by Mott, which he tendered in lawful money, which Le Neve refused. Will endeavour to get money to suit him: but there need not have been one angry word for £9. 12*s.* (10, No. 1624.)

1493.—11 Jan., 1696-7. **Giles Bladwell** to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Sends household news from Witchingham. It is reported that Oliver is to marry a great fortune; the report is probably set afloat by the Hernes or the Heydons. Was at John Herne's the other day, and "the fool his wife" mentioned it. Wants his sister Ward to give him a surrender of her right to some copyholds which Sir Robt. Bacon is teasing him to take up: also to some held of Sir Francis Guybon. (6, No. 1014.)

1494.—18 Jan., 1696-7. **Same** to **same.**

Wants 28 of lbs. sugar: 20 lb. of it at 4½*d.*; also cloth for a coat, and a wig for himself. Has not hunted six times, it is the "most unseasonable season for that sport since Adam." Send news as to the breeding of the dogs (Doxey, Tinker, Little Lady, and Sukey). "The liars' tongues will never cease, but have you or yours perpetually in their cursed mouths." (6, No. 1021.)

1495.—22 Jan., 1696-7. **Robert Fisher** [Witchingham] to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Has paid Parr £60 on his bond, in mill money and guineas: he would take no old money. Will want clover seed, and this is the best time to buy it if Le Neve can get it good. (16, No. 2960.)

1496.—24 Jan., 1696-7. **B. Hughes**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Mr. Denis, merchant, in Fenchurch Street, sells right true Nantes brandy at 8*s.* per gallon. (16, No. 2958.)

1497.—1 Feb., 1696-7. **Sir John Holland**, Quidenham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Herald's Office, London.

To remind Le Neve of the money due on 4th May. (2, No. 304.)

1498.—2 Feb., 1696-7. **John Hardy**, Elsing, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham.

Recommends the bearer, a fatherless and friendless lad, whose master denies him his wages. Hardy knows the master to "be

miserably covetous, and inclinable to cheating and thievery." For example he took away some of Hardy's corn the other day. Hardy apologises for his late misdemeanours at Le Neve's house, and on receiving a little acknowledgment from Mr. Bladwell will "put up the wrongs which he did to me contrary to the law of Arms." (2, No. 298.)

1499.—8 Feb., 1696-7. **Giles Bladwell** to **Oliver Le Neve,** London.

Is glad to hear from Sacheverell that Le Neve will soon be down. Mr. Seaborne is parting with his beagles; Ruler and Ringwood are spoiled. Dido, Doxey, Jewell, and Little Lady must hunt no more this season. (16, No. 1022.)

1500.—15 Feb., 1696-7. **Erasmus Earle** to [**Oliver Le Neve,** London.]

Please buy for Earl a very light, second-hand chariot, that can hold but two, with high wheels, price not to exceed £25. (16, No. 2946a.)

1501.—17 Feb., 1696-7. **Sir John Holland,** Quidenham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Le Neve's servant brought him £150, which was a mistake. Sir John Holland took £100 principal, and £2. 10*s.* interest, and gave up bond. His "frequent solicitations were out of no distrust of your circumstances, memory, or honesty, as you are pleased to suggest," but arose from "the tenderness I have of my reputation in keeping touch in all my engagements." (2, No. 305.)

1502.—26 Feb., 1696-7. **Edward Fuller,** London, Strand, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has packed the three cwt. of clover seed, which is right Holland clover seed. Has sold the rest of the same lot for 10*s.* a cwt. more than he sold it to Le Neve. (2, No. 285.)

1503.—13 Mar., 1696-7. **Edward Fuller,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve** (by Norwich Post.)

To know if Le Neve will take the clover seed or not. (2, No. 287.)

1504.—17 Mar., 1696-7. **Henry Rippingall** to **Capt. Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Rippingall urges Le Neve to appear himself in his case at the Assizes, "for appearing in it yourself . . . . will be of more service than all your Counsel can say, for then the Judge will have both respect to your person and the provocation." If Bear should afterwards bring up an action and set up Le Neve's confession as evidence, it will avail nothing, as Le Neve can easily have a Jury of gentlemen "who can look upon it no other than to avoid charges and clamour." Rippingall will speak to the Clerk of the Assizes. Sends his service to Sir John and the Captain.

[A son of Oliver Le Neve died this month.] (2, No. 292.)

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1505.—31 Mar., 1697. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Condoles with Le Neve on his great loss. Advises a visit to Harling or Newmarket. (10, No. 1637).

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1506.—1 April, 1697. **Edward Mann,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Great Witchingham.

Sends by the waggons the cloth and black shalloon for the lining. Also books from Peter Le Neve. Is "over head and ears in punch." (10, No. 1642a.)

1507.—4 April, 1697. **Clement Herne** to **Oliver [Le] Neve,** Witchingham.

If Le Neve will meet him to-morrow at Reepham, Herne expects to persuade him that Great Witchingham bears the least quota of taxes in the hundred. This is the first oath Herne took as Commissioner, which will neither oblige him to convenience his brother or express the least injustice to Le Neve. (14, No. 2641.)

1508.—4 April, 1697. **O[liver] L[e Neve]** to **[Clement Herne.]**

Draft of answer endorsed on last letter. Cannot wait on Herne, nor does he believe it would be any avail if he did. Finds that Herne "like the great ones, loves not a competitor." Will return the duplicate certificate; could have wished it let alone, "and not a peculiar hand set upon me, but then it would not have answered your end, nor the absoluteness of your power been so eminent unless exercised upon your neighbour, O.L." (14, No. 2641a.)

1509.—5 April, 1697. **Sir Horatio Pettus** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Sends by Cockett to ask for the present of a good hound, as he is getting up a pack. Has plenty of young ones promised him, so would like some that will enter young dogs. "However, rather than have none, I'll thank you for your young ones." Dr. Bambrigg is gone for Ireland. (2, No. 316.)

1510.—8 April, 1697. **Edward Earle** to **[O. Le Neve.]**

Asks warrant to remove Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Underwood, who has been out at service for two or three years, and has now returned. Also warrant against Richard Fulcher of Heydon, a great poacher, who has been killing Earle's hares. Cousin Earl is to take Sir Robert Bacon's son to be admitted at Pembroke Hall. (16, No. 2963.)

1511.—17 April, 1697. **N. Helwis** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Asks payment of "the £100." (2, No. 307.)

1512.—17 April, 1697. **Jeremy Norris,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Writes for payment of interest due February; also Sir John's interest. (2, No. 308.)

1513.—26 April, 1697. **Dr. R. Howman,** Norwich, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

It is a good thing the distemper turns out a "regular tertian." Take the vomit and abstain from flesh and strong liquors. The bleeding was not excessive. (10, No. 1626.)

1514.—27 April, 1697. **Same** to **same.**

Sends an electuary: take as much as a large nutmeg with white wine or claret every four or five hours, and eat oranges and lemons freely. (10, No. 1627.)

1515.—29 April, 1697. **Peter Thacker,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham (with speed). LE NEVE MSS.

Mr. West, of the Stock Market, has sent a deed and a fine to be sealed and acknowledged by Le Neve and Mr. Francis Neve of Ringland. Let them come this afternoon, as Thacker must go to-morrow to London "about the trial at bar for the City," where Le Neve is of the jury. (11, No. 1935.)

1516.—6 May, 1697. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has spoken with Mr. Ladd, Mr. Brogden's executor, and told him the money would be paid. The debt is £5 or £6, and, a writ being issued, Mr. Snell will not abate the charges, 7*s*. Had to pay as much for Capt. Earle. Intended to have waited on Le Neve at bowls, but was forced to go another away. (2, No. 312.)

1517.—31 May, 1697. **Peter Thacker,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Francis Neve has sealed the deed. Thacker omitted to get Oliver to acknowledge the deed before him as a Master in Chancery: please come in to do this. (11, No. 1936.)

1518.—12 June, 1697. **James Ford,** Christ's Hospital, London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Great Witchingham.

Condoles with Le Neve on loss of his son [who died in March], hopes Jack will hereafter take his place. Has taught Jack his letters with much ado, and is bringing him on to the sound of syllables and such words as his memory will admit. Hopes to see Le Neve at Midsummer. (10, No. 1638.)

1519.—24 June, 1697. **Henry Rippingall** [London?] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Great Witchingham, to be left at Mr. Berry's, Milliner, Norwich.

Cannot get execution against Steward till Michaelmas term. If Steward acknowledges judgment for £34, thinks he may be let out of prison so as to go on with his trade. (2, No. 313.)

1520.—8 July, 1697. **Same** to **same.**

Sends by a bailiff an execution warrant at the suit of Le Neve against the goods of Beeston. It were not amiss to secure the stones in the mill; it may not be warrantable, "yet when they see you are in earnest, they'll not dare to dispute it." (2, No. 311.)

1521.—9 July, 1697. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"A young, comely, good-humoured, ingenious widow, aged between nineteen and twenty years . . . . worth at least to our knowledge £15000," is stopping at Barham, being Mrs. Millecent's niece. Let Le Neve come and court her before she gets snapped up at London. (10, No. 1636.)

1522.—20 July, 1697. **W. Rolfe** to **Capt. Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Rolfe's mother [in-law] "Ringall" wants her money; so does Mr. Bridges, as Mr. Stannard desires to be discharged. (2, No. 306.)

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1523.—21 July, 1697. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Harling.

Is sorry he cannot be at home to meet Le Neve, but must meet his cousin Butler to-morrow at Newport. (10, No. 1630.)

1524.—8 Sept., 1697. **Same** to **same,** Witchingham.

Has met so many crosses that he has become the most melancholy abject creature. Peter is coming next Friday, whip over in your "hurry-curry" to meet him. Le Neve's little girl will be there, his sister having promised to bring her to see her god-mother. Sends news of the strayed horses. (10, No. 1634.)

1525.—12 Sept., 1697. **Same** to **same.**

Peter, his spouse, and Nanny came last night. Mrs. Le Neve is extreme ill from the journey. The horses were traced to Elmsend [Essex?], where they were turned out of the corn but not pounded. The place is noted for horse stealers, and Millecent despairs of recovering them. (10, No. 1640.)

1526.—22 Sept., 1697. **Jeremy Norris,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Writes for payment of interest due August. (2, No. 309.)

1527.—5 Oct., 1697. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Richers and Millecent go to Chichely [Bucks] for a week, and hope Oliver will defer going to London till later. (10, No. 1633.)

1528.—21 Oct., 1697. **Same** to **same.**

Millecent believes his letters are never unwelcome, but this time Le Neve will be divided "like the Lord Mayor's two paws, in the one of which he carried grief, in the other joy, to King James upon his succession to the tottering Crown." The strayed nags are found, and while Millecent's has been hard ridden, Le Neve's are like two of Pharoah's fat kine, and he must not grudge the 6*d.* a week their keep costs beyond what Millecent pays for his. They were found near Ashnell, a few miles beyond Royston [Camb.], and the gentleman was so honest as to have a friend in London search every Gazette since July to see whose they were. Millecent is laid up with gout, a sixth blister just going on. (10, No. 1635.)

1529.—30 Nov., 1697. **John Millecent,** Borne Bridge [Camb.], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

His "eternal blockhead of a boy," and Tom Richers' impatience, made him miss Le Neve when at Thetford. He was at Cambridge at a meeting about an address, and must go to London to help present it. "The club is about me, and I can say no more." (10, No. 1631.)

1530.—16 Dec., 1697. **Adolphus Meetkirke,** New College [Oxford], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Herald's Office (re-directed to Norfolk.)

Sent Le Neve last Michaelmas an account of rents and quit-rents due to New College. Begs the same may be paid. Other tenants have been very backward lately, and have had to be sued. (2, No. 310.)

1531.—18 Dec., 1697. **James Ford,** New Buildings, Charter-house [London], to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Ford is married, and moved from his lodgings. Jack had better

come to him. As to recompense, Ford might mention the case of Mr. Keck, who paid £5 a quarter for his daughter (and her hearing was perfect), but would rather leave it to Le Neve. (10, No. 1642.)

1532.—20 Dec., 1697. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Sends Prosser with a new execution warrant against Beeston. Remove the goods before Capt. Mason, the new Sheriff, is sworn, or another fee will have to be paid to him. Fears the under millstone (as a fixture) cannot be taken, but the mill and it may be extended by an elegit. Sends the amended inventory; get it signed by Mr. Broadbanks. Sends a leather "to whet your razor on. as also the argument against a standing army . . . . . The bottle with five quarts of oil is said to be as good as any that is now at the Popinjay in Norwich; 'tis safely done up with hay in a basket." Also a powder flask that Mr. Edgar ordered, and a chain for Mr. Bladwell's watch. Tell the latter that Rippingall paid Mr. Pickerill the £10, and bespoke a wig for him. He returned from London Saturday; does not know what is due to Lubbocke. (2, No. 315.)

1533.—23 Dec., 1697. **James Ford,** Charter-house, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Thanks Le Neve for his present, and apologises for misdirecting the last letter. Jack is master of most of the common names of things, and is getting on with numbers: he know all his letters, and sounds most syllables. (10, No. 1641.)

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1534.—4 Jan., 1697-8. **T. Folkard,** Uggeshall [Suffolk], to **Oliver Neave,** Satturley [Sotterley] Hall, Suffolk.

It appears by a note from Folkard's grandmother at Henham, that the Darsham ladies will not visit Henham this Christmas, so they will not come to Uggeshall either. Hopes Le Neve will not let this keep him away. Bring Sir John Playters. Service to Sir John and my lady. (10, No. 1643.)

1535.—6 Jan., 1697-8. **John Flacke,** Lynton [Camb.], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Emboldened by the extraordinary service Le Neve did for him "about the white crow," Flack makes bold to ask in confidence what he knows of the fortune, life, and conversation of one Mrs. Palgrave, educated in Sir John Rous' house, and daughter of his bailiff. She resides in Cambridge, and a friend of Flack's is smitten. (16, No. 2961.)

1536.—6 January, 1697-8. **James Ford,** Charter-house, London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Repeats the substance of his last letters. (10, No. 1648.)

1537.—10 Jan., 169[7-8?] **John Havitt,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

For payment of £100, borrowed 11th March, and due 11th December. (2, No. 270.)

1538.—11 Jan., 1697-8. **James Ford,** Charter-house, London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has received Le Neve's letter and "generous bill," and has added but £16 for last half year. Jack comes to-morrow: charge for board will be the same as where he is now. (10, No. 1646.)

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1539.—18 Jan., 1697-8. **Same** to **same.**

Jacky has been with Ford for a week, and improves every day. (10, No. 1650.)

1540.—20 January, 1697-8. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Will prepare the writings relating to Mr. Bird; has prevailed on Mr. Palmer to wait for the £200 till Lady-day, when Rippingall can get it in another quarter. But Watts' £50 must be paid in ten or fourteen days. Cannot find Le Neve's settlement. To Bird's house in Great or Little Witchingham? (2, No. 314.)

1541.—3 Feb., 1697-8. **Edward Mann**, London, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Apologises for not sending goods by coach: he was "deeply engaged" at the Cross Keys, Holborn, and did not get home till late in the morning. Mr. Calthorpe is well. (10, No. 1652.)

1542.—8 Feb., 1697-8. **Same** to **same.**

Sends cloth "of an indifferent modest colour." Had to pay John Porter, the coachman, 18*d.* for carriage, or he would not take it. (10, No. 1651.)

1543.—15 Feb., 1697-8. **James Ford** [Charter-house], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Jacky will soon be "the wonder of mankind," he counts up to thirty, will "divide you to ten," calls Ford's family by their names, and his hearing is so much better that he recognises sounds of three or four syllables two or three yards off "without seeing my lips move." (10, No. 1644.)

1544.—26 Feb., 1697-8. **Same** to **same.**

Jacky can count to 100, and knows the figures however irregularly formed; he can distinguish some metals, some colours, some motions, and other things too tedious to mention. (10, No. 1649.)

1545.—5 Mar., 1697-8. **J. Hildeyard**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Commends the bearer to Le Neve for advice and help, "she will tell you her own sad story." (2, No. 317.)

1546.—10 Mar., 1697-8. **Thomas Brewster**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

A fine cloth light hat costs but 11*s.*, a deal box will be 1*s.*, and the carriage 2*s.* 6*d.*, so that Le Neve would lose half-a-crown by not buying his hat at Norwich, where he can get it for 12*s.* Would be glad to serve Le Neve, but not to his loss. (10, No. 1628.)

1547.—10 Mar., 1697-8. **James Ford** [Charter-house] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Jacky was seized with convulsions and a violent fever, and Ford feared small-pox. His aunt being out of town, Ford sent to Dr. Morton and his own apothecary, who blistered him and laid plaisters to his feet. He is now well, but not out of his chamber. (10, No. 1647.)

1548.—12 Mar., 1697-8. **Same** to **same.**

Complains of "your sister's [Mrs. P. Le Neve's] unhandsome behaviour" to himself and spouse. On her first visit she falsely

declared before his boarders and servants that Jacky had the itch. Yesterday she came in their absence and took the boy away, without notice, and on Ford going to learn the reason, she alleged he starved the lad. Ford will not put up with these indecent and unjust reflections, and will send his things after him. (10, No. 1645.) LE NEVE MSS.

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1549.—30 April, 1698. **Lambert Nelson** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Nelson had information at Darsham [Suff.], which led him to think Le Neve had returned home from London; but finds that is not so. Nelson has brought writings of Lady Knyvett's, and a draft of Mrs. Knyvett's settlement of her own estate. If Le Neve's counsel lives at Norwich, Nelson will meet him there on Monday morning, "if it be the nearest cut for you." (2, No. 321.)

1550.—16 April, 1698. **W. Rolfe,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Bridge's interest is two years in arrear; unless it is paid he will surely call in the principal. (2, No. 319.)

1551.—22 April, 1698. **Robert Fisher** to **[Oliver Le Neve,** London.]

Has received the clover seed. John Beets has buried his old wife, and will build a new house this summer. (16, No. 2962.)

1552.—1 May, 1698. **Adolphus Meetkirke** [Oxford] to **Oliver Le Neve.**

After writing so often, the Society is somewhat surprised that they get no answer. Meetkirke will be in London the 23rd inst., and wait on Peter Le Neve. (2, No. 318.)

1553.—3 May, 1698. **James Ford** [Charter-house, London], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham (post mark, 3 May.)

Complains of Le Neve's incivility in leaving his three letters unanswered, especially after the barbarous usage Ford experienced from Le Neve's "she relation." Understands he has been in town and disposed of his son without seeing Ford. Rather than not hear from Le Neve, Ford would put up with "all the malicious reproaches that even a man with a new-steeled tongue" can lay upon him. (10, No. 1639).

1554.—17 May, 1698. **James Ford** [Charter-house], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Long letter of defence by Ford against certain charges brought against him. Le Neve's prejudice may be good natured in a sense, "but where is common justice or the gentleman?" As for calling the boy a dog, &c., letting him lie in bed till noon, &c., all this Ford can deny, and let his care and affection for the boy speak for him. As to his not paying Le Neve the compliment of calling on him when in town, why did not Le Neve apprise him of his being there, and not leave Ford to hear of it by accident? Mr. Drake will say if the boy was starved. It was the people with whom Jack formerly boarded, and who had quarrelled with Ford about his leaving, who set [Mrs. Peter Le Neve] against him. She calls Mrs. Ford a gossip, although she has never seen her, but to rail, for it was a "considerable time after she came in before she offered after her." As to the boy having the itch, in truth

LE NEVE MSS. he "cut my cat's tail off, and she had scratched him between the fingers." As to his keeping bad company, he had a son of Sir William Forrester's in school-time, and others of as good character. "This from your injured friend," &c. (10, No. 1653.)

1555.—17 May, 1698. **Luke Singleton,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Will send a barrel of mumm out of the next ships from Bremen. Right brandy is very dear, 11*s.* a gallon. (12, No. 2066.)

1556.—21 May, 1698. **Robert Fisher** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

The barley is up and clover sown. Richard Rishes brought £16 and Fisher told him to make it up £30. Thomas Bare has sued Fisher. Ann, the cook, is gone. (16, No. 2964.)

1557.—2 June, 1698. **Luke Singleton,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The mumm goes by "Morris," a Yarmouth vessel, cased up in "a dry cask." Cost is £5, and 7*s.* packing and carriage. (12, No. 2067.)

[In June **Oliver Le Neve** married his second wife, **Jane,** fourth daughter of Sir John **Knyvet,** at Lady Bedingfield's, Darsham, Suffolk.]

1558.—23 June, 1698. **John Millecent,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** at Lady Bedingfield's, at Darsham.

Sends congratulations (and apologies for using a scrap of paper.) (10, No. 1697.)

1559.—4 July, 1698. **Robert Fisher** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

The sheep are clipped, the turnips sown, and the meadows will begin to be cut to-day. The butchers have drawn the steers and have only three cows to draw. (16, No. 2965.)

1560.—12 July, 1698. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Further congratulations and recommendations of a friend's stone-horse (to be seen at the White or Flying Horse near Norwich Market Place), or a mare of his own, price thirty guineas. (10, No. 1655.)

1561.—17 July, 1698. **Robert Monsey,** Reepham, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Sends congratulations and a few cherries "which did outlive the severities of a May-winter morning." (10, No. 1654.)

1562.—21 Aug., 1698. **Adolphus Meetkirke** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Congratulates Le Neve on his happy state. Begs he will appoint some one to balance the account with the bursars at next audit, commencing 18th October. (2, No. 320.)

[21 Aug., 1698. **Le Neve** fights a fatal duel with **Sir Henry Hobart.]**

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1563.—23 Jan., 1698-9. **Robert Fisher** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Fisher cannot raise above £100, because Sir John Playter came at the sale of the goods, and said Mrs. Neve wished him to receive the

money, and take bills of Fisher for the rest, which he declined to give "till Mr. Harris go over to Mrs. Neve." Mentions having taken a lease of Mrs. Neve's jointure for four years, and paid £40 on account of stock. Mrs. Neve says "she will be very kind to you, and desire you would write to her often . . . . she desired to live to see you safe at Witchingham again, and she will come and die there." Sends household and farm news, and asks instructions. (16, No. 2966.) LE NEVE MSS.

1564.—4 Feb., 1698-9. **Same** to **same.**

Shall Fisher buy a new flock of sheep with the money in Mr. Bladwell's hands? The Sheriff threatens to make Fisher answer what he does in Chancery, but he will follow his instructions in spite of the Sheriff. (16, No. 2967.)

1565.—13 Feb., 1698-9. **Same** to **same.**

Is sorry Le Neve is dissatisfied with his remittances. Has £100 to return now as soon as he can get a bill. Will. Buck's house must be rebuilt, John Willement will want his lease renewed, and Will. Writ had better be turned out, and a kinsman of Willement will take his place, &c. (16, No. 2967a.)

1566.—10 Mar., 1698-9. **Robert Fisher** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Has sent £100 by Mr. Havers [of Norwich] to Mr. Sanford to remit to Le Neve. The stock was priced at £182. 4*s*. Is advised that Le Neve should send him a particular order (ante-dated) to sell all the moveables, as this will be the only way to save them. (16, No. 2967b.)

1567.—10 Mar., 1698-9. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suff.], to **[Oliver Le Neve** alias] **Richard Johnson,** at Mr. Davy's, on the Herring Fleet, Rotterdam.

Millecent left London with Tom [Richers?] on Ash Wednesday. Before leaving, Harry Vincent saw him and desired he would speak to his brother; but knowing from Mr. Selby of Le Neve's indifferency in the matter, Millecent referred him to Peter. Believes the way he first proposed will prove the easiest, surest, and cheapest; that is through Lord Rochford. Lady Bovey (who is aunt to Lady Rochford) told old Theophilus Tyrell when Lord Maynard died, that on Millecent's account, and from what she knew of Le Neve's character, her interest should be used on his behalf. So says Lady Brograve, and Millecent is to wait on them before the King goes. They are both rich and childless, and the Rochfords expect much from them. Suggests Le Neve should wait on Lord Rochford at his country house in Holland as soon as he goes over. Was pleased to get Le Neve's letter, but wants more details as to his voyage, and whether he was not "sufficiently sick" on that terrible windy Saturday? Millecent and Richers will take good care of the coach-horses, and Nat. [Le Neve's groom] is anxious to join his master in Holland. Mrs. Allen is not married to Stephen, but likely to match with Will. Millecent has only just tasted the tea. Hears that "your namesake" has left Mr. Davy's, and is at London, at which his poor parents are much concerned, being rather desirous he should be "banged into goodness." Alludes to Franser [apparently taken by Le Neve with him as servant] and his pilfering. Did Le Neve find among his things a French prayer-book, and a "vocabulum of seven different languages" which Millecent lent him, a pocket looking-glass of his mother's, a needle-book of Mall's in shagreen and silver, and an agate token? (10, No. 1656.)

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1568.—18 March, 1698-9. **Robert Davy** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]** Encloses two letters. (9, No. 1518.)

1569.—23 Mar., 1698-9. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **[Oliver Le Neve**, Rotterdam.]

Millecent was at Thurloe to see honest Rob. King, who is to report all that happens at Thetford Assizes. On his return he found Harry Peyton, T. Tyrrell, T. Richers, and J. Flack, all eager for him to open Le Neve's second letter. The behaviour of the Judge (Hatsell), who is on circuit, is not encouraging to Le Neve's prospects. At Cambridge he had before him one Hussy, a Presbyterian preacher, who had told his congregation that the Common Prayer had damned more than ever the Gospel had saved. The University petitioned against the jury (who were all Presbyterians, Independents, and Anabaptists), and the Judge at first rated the Sheriff for it, but ended by letting the jury stand, so that the prisoner was acquitted. Le Neve has innumerable friends, and his name is a general health to all honest gentlemen in two counties, "being often drank when our greatest man's is not." (10, No. 1657.)

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1570.—27 Mar., 1699. **Richard Ferrier**, Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve** (under cover to Mr. Richard Davis, Rotterdam). [Post paid to London, 3*d.*]

Although a stranger to Le Neve, Ferrier is engaged to him by the sense of his misfortunes, and heartily laments his sufferings. One of Le Neve's servants has brought some bedding to Ferrier with a letter directed to Mr. Davis, which shall be forwarded by the first ship. (2, No. 322.)

1571.—10 April 1699. **Same** to **same.**

Will continue to direct to Mr. Davys, without mention of Le Neve's name. Has shipped the goods per the **Benjamin Thompson**; let instructions be given to pack any future parcels better. Acknowledges Le Neve's letter of 13th inst. (N.S.), and refers to Ferrier's sympathy with "the cause you suffer in." (2, No. 326.)

1572.—10 April, 1699. **Thomas Richers** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Hopes his congratulations on Le Neve's safe arrival [in Holland] are not too late to be acceptable. "Jack" brought news of the tedious and dangerous voyage, but Richers waited the coming of Le Neve's horses before writing. One of them had the farcy, but is better: "we have contrived an engine to hang over his neck to prevent his licking his sides, which are raw the breadth of a hand . . . He goes a gentle journey every day to plough." Wishes for Le Neve's return, when it shall please God and the King. (10, No. 1699.)

1573.—15 April, 1699. **Robert Davy** [London] to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Encloses letter from Mr. Gawdy. Has not heard anything of what took place at Thetford Assizes, nor anything (since he last met with Madam Potts) about Lord Scarsdale's addresses to Lady H[obart]. The plate remains in the same place. Adds news of new taxes, &c. (9, No. 1521.)

1574.—15 April, 1699. **Robert Fisher** to **[Oliver Le Neve** alias] Richard Johnson, Rotterdam.

Sends farm news. The season has been very sharp, with high

winds. Is waiting for a safe hand before sending account of all he has done. (16, No. 2970.)

1575.—16 April, 1699. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Rotterdam.

Received Le Neve's last letter six days after date. This goes by Nat. [the groom], who will bring word about the horses, and especially the miserable disease that has afflicted them all over England, "except those that were last year in Holland." At Thetford Assizes one Mr. Philip Benefeild carried a bill of indictment before the grand jury against the coroner for not bringing in his inquest [in the case of Sir H. Hobart] last assizes. It was returned a true bill by 8; and Robt. Wilson hears Le Neve will be outlawed as soon as the year is out. Jack Eldred was told that "this sprig of a Sheriff" said, openly, he would make £1000 this year out of Le Neve's estate, "but nobody else knows how." Millecent was with Lord Waldenbury, Sir Will. Maynard, Sir William Fowles, and others, at Newmarket, when Le Neve's health was drank. Lord Portland was not there, and he is reported to have quarelled with Lord Albemarle, to have thrown up his offices, and to design for Holland. The Duke of Ormond has also quarelled with Lord Albemarle as to the right of giving orders to the household troops at Whitehall, which the King has decided in the latter's favour, but it is whispered Parliament will interfere, and enact that only natural born (not naturalized) subjects shall command here. Jack Flack's wife has brought him a boy.

Peter [Le Neve] has preferred Oliver's name-sake to Lady St. George. (10, No. 1658.)

1576.—24 April, 1699. **Robert Fisher**, Darsham, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Hopes the worst of the new horse disease is past. They are taken with a stuffing in the head and a cough, and can scarce eat till they run at the nose. "You never saw the like" this past week for horses running at the nose all over the country. Mr. Herne and Passing [? Parson] Poll, and several men have been to Fisher for payment of money and interest they claim to be due. Also people are advising the tenants not to pay their rents. Richard Riches will renew his lease, but John Williment does not like his rent raised. Fisher has no end of trouble "all men are so self-ended," though they pretend "kindness, it is for their own ends." Hints that it was this that made Mrs. Neve offer him a lease "as a great kindness to you," but now he sees he shall have to pay the rent, and she will send Le Neve no notes, as she had had no letter from him since Fisher took the lease. (16, No. 2971.)

1577.—29 April, 1699. **Same** to **same.**

Begs Le Neve, in giving him instructions about paying Mrs. Neve, to be careful, as Sir John Playter and Mr. Havers are very greedy of money, and strive which should catch it at first. The rent is £40, less taxes. Is sorry Le Neve is not pleased with his management. He has 400 sheep and 21 bullocks, he bought them at St. Faith's fair, "fed abroad with turnips." (16, No. 2971a.)

1578.—11 May, 1699. **Robert Davy** [London] to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Has sealed the hamper and left it at Sir R. B's [?] The outlawry proceeds, but nothing is done as to any appeal. A meeting was held

LE NEVE MSS. at the Attorney General's last Michaelmas term; cannot find what was done. Spoke to the Bishop of Norwich on his way to Kensington to take leave of the King: he promised to move his Majesty that the outlawry should not affect Oliver's estate. (9, No. 1519.)

1579.—22 May, 1699. **Richard Ferrier**, Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Rotterdam.

In answer to Le Neve's letter of the 25th ult., asking a letter of credit on Mr. Browne, Ferrier says he is considerably in that gentleman's debt already, but has written to ask him to accommodate Le Neve, and does not doubt he will advance [f?] 1000. Had to mention Le Neve's name to him, but assures Le Neve he exercises great caution. (2, No. 327.)

1580.—25 May, 1699. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **[Oliver Le Neve]**, Rotterdam.

Millecent dined a fortnight ago at Walden [Essex] with Col. Peyton and Nobs Porter (the latter being quartered there to guard the King to and from Newmarket). They spoke of the death of old Mrs. Harvey of Utrecht, which brings £3000 a year to Jack Harvey of Bury, who can get no certain tidings except by sending on purpose. When Millecent was with Le Neve at Utrecht, on 18th September, their landlord, Mr. Grant, spoke of the endeavours to bring her to England, and how she swooned in the coach; and a fortnight later, at Rotterdam, they heard she was dead, and that the yacht ["yaht"] stayed to take over her body. It will be to Le Neve's advantage if he can oblige Harvey in this matter, as he is a man of great interest. Capt. Walpole and my Lady Ann came from London to see Horsheath Hall, and lay at Newport [Essex], whence they sent cousin Charles Wright to Millecent to show it to them. They said Lord Orford promises more than ever to help Le Neve. Mr. Cook had agreed on the purchase [of Horsheath Hall?] by Mr. Betts, who was to have £1000, which Millecent supposes was to procure Lord Arlington's consent. Now Betts has got a purchaser who will venture without any heir's consent, a very honest gentleman, and, probably, a better neighbour than so great a lawyer as my Lord Chief Justice. The latter has made such commissioners! a baker and a tanner of our town and a farmer of Horsheath [Camb.], violent Presbyterian. Friend Tom too, in spite of all the affronts, is wheedled over the bottle to act, and so holds with the hare and runs with the hounds. "He has been a month in town to get out of the Bank Briars, but I doubt his cautious fingers will not escape pricking." Hears that Oliver is a burgher and housekeeper, and that by this time his wife is with him. Millecent would gladly have escorted her, under pretence of a visit to Darsham. Harry Campbell is dead; his daughter, a pretty girl, will have his estate, and is of the right age for Jacky. Will send some verses as soon as he can copy them. "A Hue and Cry after Dr. Chamberlain" and "Sir Harry Shier's Charge of Living for a Gentleman." (10, No. 1661.)

1581.—27 May, 1699. **Robert Fisher** to **[Oliver Le Neve** alias] Richard Johnson [Rotterdam.]

Fisher wrote last about a month ago by his mistress. Sends 12 dozen bottles of nog in hampers; look to it at once lest it break the bottles, for it is not fine." Le Neve's enemies press rigorously, but in private, for an outlawry. (16, No. 2972.)

1582.—31 May, 1699. **Richard Ferrier,** Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve** (per Master Edm. Mitchell), Rotterdam. LE NEVE MSS.

Ferrier wrote on the 22nd, telling Le Neve that he has no money in Holland, being generally in debt there, but had desired his friend to supply him on Ferrier's credit. Since then Mr. Harris brought Le Neve's letter of the 20th, which made a voyage with him down to Newcastle. Edw. Mitchell brings this letter, having on board 4 hampers of bottles sent by Fisher of Witchingham. (2, No. 323.)

1583.—29 June, 1699. **Robert Fisher** [Witchingham] to **Oliver Le Neve** [Rotterdam.]

Is glad to hear of Mrs. Le Neve's arrival. Assizes are set for 31st July. Richard Riches has taken a new lease; John Williment goes out and Mr. Hunt's tenant takes his farm. (16, No. 2973.)

1584.—20 July, 1699. **Richard Harris,** Yarmouth, to **[Oliver Le Neve** alias] Capt. Johnson, at Mr. Richard Davis', Rotterdam.

Has received Le Neve's letter of 17th inst. Is sorry to hear of the false and scandalizing lies raised upon him by the person called Bass [or ? Cass]. The short time Harris was in Rotterdam, he does not think Bass was in Le Neve's company at all, and certainly Harris never heard Oliver "cast the least reflective word upon either King or Government. Bass must be a lying villain, and not society for mankind"; Harris will make enquiry about him at Norwich. Has sent Le Neve half-a-dozen artichokes. (7, No. 1236.)

1585.—31 July, 1699. **John Millecent** to **[Oliver Le Neve],** Rotterdam.

Has suffered from sore throat for four months, which prevented him bringing personally to Le Neve the enclosed letter to Lady Rochford. He had written to Lady Bordy that Mrs. Le Neve would present it in person, and he had intended to accompany her. Peter conceives hopes from Lady H[obart], and for secret reasons wishes Millecent to "commend her much to all company." (10, No. 1632.)

1586.—31 July, 1699. **Henry Rippingall** to **[Oliver Le Neve** alias] Mr. Davyes, at the English Ordinary, Rotterdam.

Received Le Neve's letter, with news of his arrival in Holland about 12th March, and answered it soon after, telling him that Lord Yarmouth would stand his friend, and was glad he could not be outlawed these assizes, as things would be more favourable in six months. Hopes Sir Nevil Catlyn or some friend of Le Neve's will be Sheriff next year, "the King just on his going to Holland having spoken kindly of you to his Grace the Duke of Norfolk, and hinted something like it." All the country gentlemen wish Le Neve well, "and even the tribe themselves [the Hobarts] seem to grow much cooler." Lady Hobart is now at Blickling, and sees little company but the families of Houghton and Heverland. She has declared she will not marry till Christmas; Rippingall has this from one T. H., who is likely to be her bridegroom. Lord James Howard, Sir Edmund D'Oyley, Captain Earle, Mr. Baispoole, Mr. Drake, and Mr. Forster send humble service. (2, No. 330.)

1587.—14 Aug., 1699. **Robert Davis** to **[Oliver Le Neve],** Rotterdam.

Assizes are over and nothing done. If the opposite party's malice

LE NEVE MSS. be not exhausted they must issue a writ of *allocatur*, returnable next assizes, and the Clerk of the Assize will delay this. No appeal yet entered. Mr. Yaxley wants his interest. (9, No. 1520.)

1588.—1 Sept., 1699. **Sir J[ohn] R[ous]** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**, Rotterdam.

Sir Nevil and Mr. Branthwait have been here about letting Darsham Farm. Sir John's "crazy carcase" will not let him venture across the main to see Oliver, to whom he has sent a small vessel of liquor. (16, No. 3064.)

1589.—4 Sept., 1699. **Richard Harris,** Yarmouth, to **[Oliver Le Neve]**, Rotterdam.

Has received the five tubs of Sturgeon, and sent them, as directed, to Sir John Rous, Sir John and Colonel Playter, and Lady Kemp. Master Robt. Michel takes a cask of nog from Sir J. Rous, and "a small paper with shows," has been sent by a young gentlewoman named Deborah Men [?], who can be heard of at Christopher Barnard's. Service to Sam. Wickins. (7, No. 1238.)

1590.—12 Sept., 1699. **[Nicholas Helwis]**, Morton, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

A long account of the Assizes and of the attempts of Le Neve's friends to get a favourable Sheriff chosen, thirty gentlemen going from the Popingay to wait on the Judge, and prevent the other party "whispering." The Clerk of the Assize promised well, but "the potion of yellow boys" had obliged him too far, and he did no better than last year.

If Mr. Lombe is to be Sheriff, advise him to be more prudent than last year, and not declare himself the man before any Sheriff is pricked, nor drive bargains with Le Neve's friends and enemies at the same time. (7, No. 1250.)

1591.—19 Sept., 1699. **John Rous, Junr.**, Henham [Suff.], to **[Oliver Le Neve]**, Rotterdam.

Would give an account of his last voyage, but his brains were so turned he was forced to be put to bed on coming ashore. Left the wicked town of London on Thursday, after rigging out himself and new servant. Col. Playter is dead. (16, No. 3066.)

1592.—27 Sept., 1699. **Robert Fisher** [Witchingham] to **[Oliver Le Neve**, Rotterdam.]

Has sent two hampers of nogg and a vessel of as good flour as ever came out of Norfolk, the finest at bottom and the coarsest at top, divided by a sheet of paper. Harvest has been extraordinary good. Rippingall is paid his £100 and £120 on Mrs. Neve's account. Mr. Gay of Wymondham, Thomas Hurn, and John Hurn (all of the Hobart faction) are spoken of for Sheriff. (16, No. 2974.)

1593.—27 Sept., 1699. **Nicholas Helwis** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**, Rotterdam.

Helwis and Mr. Davy are using interest with the Judge to alter his list for Sheriff, especially through his particular friend, Mr. Tilby. (7, No. 1237.)

1594.—27 Sept., 1699. **Same** to **same.**

Expects Peter [Le Neve] every day. "My lady" has resigned all up at Blickling. Mr. John Horne talks of visiting Holland.

1595.—10 Oct., 1699. **Giles Bladwell** to **[Oliver Le Neve** alias] Richard Johnson, Rotterdam. LE NEVE MSS.

Apologises for his long silence. The Captain [Gawdy] has been at Thetford with some young ladies, the Violetts and Madam Bacon. Sir John [Gawdy] was here last week, and was anxious about some bank bills of his which Oliver has. Mrs. Bladwell was confined of a daughter six months ago. T. H[erne ?] speaks fairly for the cause, but is as false as the rest; the devil is not more treacherous than Le Neve's enemies, and he should not write so publicly about expecting to return, but trust to time.

Mrs. Bladwell begs Le Neve to buy her a dozen fine holland shifts, "remember she is one of the fat size." Sends news as to prices of grain and Fisher's dealing with the crops, &c. (6, No. 1030.)

1596.—9 Nov., 1699. **Jeffery Mann,** Holkham, to **[Oliver Le Neve],** Rotterdam.

Assures Le Neve that he delivered the holland and muslin with his own hands to Fisher at Norwich. Mann showed Le Neve's letter to the Captain, who was going to Sandringham. He said the Duke dined at Lynn a week before, and drank Le Neve's health. Encloses a letter from cousin Tom Betts. Capt. Walpole and Sir Chas. Turner dined at Holkham merrily, and Sir Chas. drank Le Neve's health. Wants a strong casting net and pair of neckcloths. Service to Mrs. Le Neve and Madam London. (7, No. 1251.)

1597.—30 Nov., 1699. **[Oliver Le Neve** alias] Capt. Janszen, Dr. to **Albert de Haas.**

Bill of parcels for fine holland, diaper, and 1 pair neckcloths, amounting to 160 guilders [?] (7, No. 1240.)

1598.—3 Dec., 1699.

Receipt by **Albert de Haas** for 172 guilders. (7, No. 1241.)

1599.—25 Dec., 1699. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suffolk], to **[Oliver Le Neve,** care of] Mr. Rose, Sword Cutler, near the old Wonder Tavern, Ludgate Street.

The storm on Thursday week must have caused Le Neve to have a miserable voyage, twenty days on board! Millecent's mother is dead. He must stay at home this week to receive rents, and will then take most of his family to London in his coach. Let Tom Rose find out a near place to put up the horses, &c., and if he cannot take Millecent in, the latter will go to an inn, as he must go on to Slyfield [Middlesex ?] if he would see his cousin alive. (10, No. 1662.)

1600.—25 Dec., 1699. **Henry Rippingall** to **Peter Le Neve.**

Sends copy of a writ [of outlawry against Oliver Le Neve] received by the Sheriff just after last County Court. Nothing can be done till Wednesday three weeks. "If our dear friend surrender himself before, that puts an end to all disputes." Has sent another copy to Mr. Betts to advise what should be done. (2, No. 328.)

1601.—27 Dec., 1699. **Robert Davy** [Norwich] to **[Peter Le Neve ?]**

Advises of the receipt by Sheriff of writ and *allocatur* against "Mr. Browne" [an alias of Oliver's]. Should the Sheriff forbear proclaiming him, it would be too great a favour, and may prejudice "Mr. Browne" hereafter, as his enemies may challenge the jury on the ground of partiality. Should he surrender, care will be taken to make him easy till the assizes. (9, No. 1523.)

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1602.—29 Dec., 1699. **Robert Fisher** [Witchingham] to **Oliver Le Neve** [London.]

Nat brought Le Neve's letter. Robert Geage is dead and his farm let again for £18. Sir John Gawdy has the bay colt, &c. (16, No. 2976.)

1603.—30 Dec., 1699. **Same** to **same.**

In answer to Le Neve's letter received at Norwich, to hasten the tenants paying their rent, Fisher says Mr. Davies advises that should be left wholly to Mr. Havers; also that the colts should not come home yet. (16, No. 2975.)

1699-1700.

1604.—12 Jan., 1699-1700. **Henry Rippingall** to **[Oliver Le Neve]** "for Mr. Browne, a sword cutler at Mr. Rose's in Ludgate Street."

By appointment Rippingall met Major Houghton, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Kempe, Mr. Davy, Mr. Buxton, and the Under-Sheriff to settle the jury book for next assizes. By the time Mr. Kendall goes to London (about fourteen days) it will be finished, and he will take a copy with him. At this meeting the part of [Le Neve's] letter about the outlawry was also discussed to Mr. Kendall's satisfaction. Hopes that fortune will soon "bring us together"; in meantime will put all things "into the best posture for your service."

[Although this letter is directed to "Mr. Browne, a sword cutler," it is pretty plain that this is only a name assumed by Le Neve, like that of Davis already referred to, for his own convenience, until he is prepared to surrender himself and escape outlawry. This course of action was foreshadowed by Rippingall's letter to Peter Le Neve (No. 1600). That zealous lawyer is now discovered at work with Le Neve's friends at Norwich, manipulating the Grand Jury roll so as to defeat any attempt by the Hobarts to have Le Neve criminally prosecuted for the fatal results of the duel.] (2, No. 329.)

1605.—26 Jan., 1699-1700. **Erasmus Earle,** Heydon, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Earle hopes matters go well with [Le Neve], from the mirth he showed in his last letter. Would have his hand in Cambridgeshire were not "my cousin Gawdy, Sir John, Lord George, and Lord James Howard now with me. We drink your health and safe delivery every day." (16, No. 2969.)

1606.—28 Jan., 1699-1700. **Robert Fisher** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is glad to hear "we shall see one another again." Take care that the clover seed arrives in time; direct it to Mr. John Chapman of Coltishall. Barley has fallen from 12*s.* 6*d.* a combe to 10*s.* (16, No. 2979.)

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1607.—19 Mar., 1700. **George Murray,** the Stadthouse, Rotterdam, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Quotes Seneca on the subject of adversity. Complains that his enemies have taken advantage of his leaving England so suddenly to say he carried off money, whereas his securities who occasioned his ruin have the money in their hands, as it appears by letters under their own hands, which have been sent on to Sir Robert Davers, to be shewn the Lord of the Treasury. Has suffered much from the ill offices of Mr. Saunder and Mr. Higgs, who pretended to be his friends

"whilst you were here," but the former held a cabal every night at Mr. Davies' "to search out misty records and precedents to carry me to England." Mr. Carter and Mr. Wickham are kind and true, and leave no stone unturned to serve him. Hopes "your lady" will accept the trifle lately sent, and when affairs are settled "a small tub of Witchingham ale to Mr. Carter will be a double retaliation... As to whether you were "loved by Mr. George Dashwood, I refer myself to Mr. Carter." Begs for an answer directed to Mr. Carter. "Morphy, who betrayed me for 100 guilders, is put upon by all the Dutch"; he has not been paid, and has the noble character of a "*verclicker*." Service to your lady and Mistress London. The same to Captain Earle and his. (15, No. 2665.)

1608.—22 Mar., 1700. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Excuses himself for not writing sooner, but Mr. Coming, the bearer, hath delayed till now. Mr. Coming will make the desired alterations in Mrs. Le Neve's picture. "I am heartily sorry I should give you and your friend so much trouble about your belt and his hat. I have been with the coachman whose name is George Troine, and lies at the Duke's Head in Lynn, at Mr. Harris'." He has promised to send the box to Mr. Verdon. "My sister hath made you a pot of searcloth salve." Service to "your good lady." (12, No. 2069.)

1609.—4 April, 1700. **Richard Harris,** Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is sorry Le Neve did not get his letter directed to Mr. Havers. Cannot get right good salt fish, and will not send rusty fish. Robert Michel told Harris he handed the bottle of brandy to Richard Ferrier. Will take all care of what Le Neve now sends to Messrs. Wiggins and Carter. Harris will probably soon go to Rotterdam: are there any commands there? (2, No. 333.)

1610.—6 April, 1700. **Richard Davis** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Has received the happy news of Le Neve's acquittal. He and his acquaintances are resolved to meet at 6 o'clock, "although post night, to sing Te Deum," and drink Le Neve's health. "It is just now upon the stroke, brother Noll, here's to you in a bumper." Noll Hant, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Ward Hudeck, Barnard Neve, Augustine Wiggens, Mr. Morphy, &c., are witnesses. Service to your lady and Madam London; Bess sends the same. [Endorsed.]

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(9, No. 1524b.)

1611.—9 April, 1700. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suff.] to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is sorry he could not have Le Neve's company to London; hopes to see him on his return. Millecent goes for one week to Chichely [Bucks] next Friday se'nnight. He was yesterday at Newmarket, "where I saw Maurice Rendall and Captain Walpole. Maurice told me he had not seen you because you dined with Lord Townsend. Tell Peter I am much his." (10, No. 1663.)

Le Neve MSS. 1612.—19 April, 1700 [?]. **J. Rous, Junr.**, Henham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Sends his grey mare, which he asks Le Neve to keep for him. She is to be sent to Sir John Woodhouse's stallion. "I am now backing a colt, and as busy as a bee . . . I am in haste for two reasons, one is to dress me, and the other to have done writing . . . My humble service to all friends, not forgetting the gentleman with the great perriwig." (2, No. 346.)

1613.—21 April, 1700. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is ashamed he did not sooner express his joy that everything of that troublesome affair was over. Wants to know where Le Neve will reside this summer. Hopes to see him soon. "To morrow I am obliged for Chichely [Bucks], upon my lady's commands." Service to Mrs. Le Neve. [Endorsed.—Jack Millecent, 21 April, 1700, came to hand 16 May, 1700.] (10, No. 1664.)

1614.—5 May, 1700. **Jeffrey Mann**, Holkham, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Thanks for favours. Will not go from Holkham till Thursday next, and will wait on Le Neve at Darsham on the 15th or 16th. Service to "my master Rous. I am now drinking both your good healths in a bumper." [P.S.] "Six o'clock and a warm evening, but if you show your lady this I will not come to Darsham." (10, No. 1665.)

1615.—6 May, 1700. **Johanna Murray**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham Hall, near Yoxford in Suffolk.

Had she known Le Neve was in town would have paid her respects to him. Asks him to send her word "what piece of lace it was that you had, whether it was a piece of lupt or ground, and how much there was of it." Can give no other account of Mr. Murray than what Le Neve already knows. [See ante, No. 1607.] Direct to Richard Weston in Limehouse over against the White Lion. (15, No. 2664.)

1616.—7 May, 1700. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham, near Yoxford in Suffolk.

Received Le Neve's letter, and sent "your escritoire and two bonds by one Frances Fleet of Albourne [Sussex], the vessel's name is May Flower; my wife told me the work trunk was to be with the bed, which made me not send it with the other things, but trusty Mary said nothing of the matter. I'll send it to Mrs. Le Neve . . . I left the name of the master and ship with your brother . . . I'll send you the bed by Norwich waggon . . . Mrs. London will send some salve." Service to your good lady. (12, No. 2070.)

1617.—18 May, 1700. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham Hall, near Yoxford [Suff.]

Wonders Le Neve has not heard from him, as Peter assured him his letter was sent to Darsham [see ante, No. 1613.] Wants to see Le Neve, but "has now all the solicitations imaginable from Shenton, from Sir John Chester, whither I promised to go before this." Mall. Wiseman went with "my lady" to wait on Sir John's lady, who had never seen her before. Millecent hopes she may be kind to her and like her. "Cossett (as the honest doctor calls his wife) will not let cousin Dolly come hither, though 'tis a time I most want her when alone, was it not for the charity of little Miss Bryant, who is my

housekeeper." Wonders Le Neve did not go to Slyfield when in London to see "that poor lady." She is ill and weak. LE NEVE MSS.

Jo. Lone, Esq., is dead; he lay in state some days, and was buried in his own seat, "as near mine as possible." Does not know if he did this to be neighbourly. (10, No. 1665a.)

1618.—23 May, 1700. **Richard Ferrier**, Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Wickins and Carter of Rotterdam sent the enclosed with a bottle and ham. How shall it be sent? Care must be taken lest a Custom House Officer meet with them. [Endorsed are the following memoranda.] Capt. Wilson at sea; 5 neckcloths mislaid, to be made good at pleasure; 20*s.* paid for Mr. Man to Mr. Utting per N. H. (2, No. 378.)

1619.—23 May, 1700. **M. London** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham Hall, near Yoxford [Suffolk.]

Thanks Le Neve for kind letter and other remembrances. "On Tuesday we all kept holiday at Bow" with our friends, and drank Le Neve's health. Mr. Le Neve never received an answer to his letter to Oliver Le Neve, and wants to know if the chocolate came safely. "They" desire to know how the pictures are to be sent. "Master Le Neve and Miss both send their duty. Master is very brisk and diverting company, talks mightily." Mrs. Framton goes to Holland next week in a sloop. "Capt. Lovesette is not married yet, so there's hope for Chriss." Love to her: she shall have a letter in the box with Mrs. Woodcock's things, which shall be sent to-morrow with the silk for Lady Knyvet [?], if so much is to be had in town of the colour. Will be glad to serve any of her friends at any time, "in particular you at Darsham and them at Henham." Her brother and sister join her in humble service. (15, No. 2660.)

1620.—24 May, 1700 [?]. **Mr. Trimmel** to **Richard Johnson, Esq. (Oliver Le Neve)**, to be left at Mr. Davis', on the Herring Fleet in Rotterdam.

Regrets having delayed writing, but has let slip no opportunity of serving Le Neve, "and had some advantage to do it, by the little step I made lately in London . . . I suppose you have, before this, heard of the favourable representation that was made of your matter to the K. by a friend of yours and mine." Promises to help him all he can. [Endorsed.] Mr. Trimmell, May 24; answered June 2. (7, No. 1258.)

1621.—25 May, 1700. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham [Suff.]

Is kept at Barham by cousin Wiseman's absence in Leicestershire. Hopes cousin Dolly will have learnt to supply Mall's place till her return. Le Neve may command him as to horses, as Millecent is well stocked. Thanks Le Neve for his recipe, but is better, owing to constant employment and business, with the addition of an admirable cordial, the best in the world, which has been praised by a young physician, cousin Hobart. "However, I shall, after I have cleared myself one week again with it, try yours, the heat of which is the great thing." Means to compare notes with Mr. Glemham. Sends this by "little Mr. J. F.," who goes with his spouse to London to-morrow to buy goods for their new house. Tom Richers goes also.

[Postscript.] "'Tis so very cold that I am forced to have a fire in my closet, and everybody to-day in cloaks and great coats at church, like mid-winter. All apples gone." (10, No. 1665c.)

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1622.—28 May, 1700. **Lambert Nelson**, Bramfield [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Expects to be with Le Neve to-morrow at Darsham to talk with him about his journey. "Our service to all parlour friends." (2, No. 342.)

1623.—30 May, 1700. **James Lund**, the Crane in the Poultry, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham Hall [Suff.]

Has received both of Le Neve's letters, but could not read his name on the first, and was out of town when the second came. As for the china, had sold the best, but expects more next week, "then will look out and send a dozen of the best, but can't remember what the cups was you bought of me." Asks Le Neve to describe the size, colour, and price. (2, No. 344.)

1624.—9 June, 1700. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham [Suff.]

Has received a letter from Cambridge from Peg. London, who wants Le Neve to go to Dr. Green's. Understands Le Neve is coming to him, which rejoices him. It would be inconvenient for Millecent to stir from home, "being my own bayly." Thanks Le Neve for Mr. Strange's visit. They met at the Bull, "where in two bowls of the old ingredients" they drank the healths of the honest gentlemen of Norfolk. Millecent goes this afternoon to see Mr. Strange at Hildersham [Camb.] "I have seen one of the cheapest, finest, broadest, and strongest horses in these parts for you: he is honest Parson Baron's." If he does not suit Le Neve "there are, hereabout, more fine horses than ever I knew, and cheaper." Cousin Dolly sends service. Mall. is in Leicestershire. (10, No. 1665b.)

1625.—16 June, 1700. **Lan. Rous** to **[Oliver Le Neve?]**

Has sent for the three horses, but could not possibly send the money. If one of the servants meets him at Debenham [Suff.] horse fair, on Thursday, he will send it. (2, No. 356.)

1626.—20 June, 1700. **Richard Ferrier** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham [Suff.]

Robert Mitchell has come from Rotterdam. The trees are safe ashore; the bottle of brandy and ham were not sent on because Chapman had no orders. Hopes he can get Le Neve's wine and brandy ashore, "you must be very sparing in sending for such things: our surveyor sometimes seizes even half-a-dozen bottles." Care must be used in taking them to Coltishall. Le Neve's man, Robert Fisher, has just arrived for the trees. (2, No. 377.)

1627.—4 July, 1700. **Same** to **Same.**

Has paid custom for the chimney backs, marble, stone, and gally tile, and sends them by John Chapman's keel, "as also the bottle of brandy and one of the hams which I got privately ashore with small fees to the under-officers; the wine is also ashore, but I dare not send too much at once, so that the other ham and the bushes shall go by next return of the keel. I hope you have your Bay trees safe." [Indorsed] 1 ham, 1 bottle. (2, No. 345.)

1628.—11 July, 1700. **Tim Ganning**, Norwich, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Darsham [Suff.]

Has sent about the whole town, but cannot match the calico; cannot get any stained or printed. If it had "been computed before

it had been cut, and found wanting," it could have been easily changed. Encloses patterns. The bedstead and sacking cotton are ready. Will Le Neve say where or how they are to be sent? (10, No. 1665a.)

1629.—19 July, 1700. **Richard Ferrier**, Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Sends the other ham and 23 bottles of wine by Mr. Chapman's keel. One of the bushes is missing, some of the inferior officers of the ship probably took it. Sends an inclosure which came from Mr. Wiggin by Edmund Mitchell. Expects to see Le Neve at Norwich Assizes next week. (2, No. 351.)

1630.—22 July, 1700. **John Millecent**, Bourne Bridge [Camb.], to **Oliver Le Neve** [Witchingham ?]

Was in the Isle of Ely when Le Neve's letter reached Barham. Cannot go to Norwich Assizes, as harvest begins to-day. Is staying here for Mr. Chute Clench, who is on his way to meet Sir John Chester at Sir Sewster's trial. Had a letter last week from Peter: he did not mention Le Neve's business. Hopes to wait on "dear Noll" before Sturbridge Fair [Camb.] He and his friends remembered Le Neve on Lynton [Camb.] fair day at Little John's "in a bowl of the old liquor, at which was old Theoph., T. Rich, Frank Westrop, and myself." Asks to be excused to Sir Sewster; expects to be sent for into Sumsharding [?] Cousin Shiers is ill: George Wright thinks she can live but a few days. There is a charming young lady at Barham who with the addition of fine singing might be a great recommendation to stop Millecent's journey, but he lays all such things aside. (2, No. 1665f.)

1631.—4 Aug., 1700. **Adolphus Meetkirke** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Le Neve's leases [from New College] being renewable this year, begs that the quit-rents may be paid and accounts balanced at the College audit, which extends from St. Luke's day to Simon and Jude. (2, No. 396.)

1632.—8 Aug., 1700. **Richard Ferrier**, Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Sent on the 1st inst. 2 caggs of sturgeon to Mr. Havers'. Sends herewith the 6 iron hearths and the bottle of brandy which came by Edmund Mitchell. (2, No. 375.)

1633.—Aug., 1700. **John Millecent**, Lynton Coffee House [Camb.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, to be left at Mr. Havers', goldsmith.

Sends a letter by the doctor, who designs to-morrow for Norfolk and Witchingham: has written by the Norwich coach, "but the uncertainty of its passage makes me question your receiving it." The doctor is coming to Le Neve for advice about his wife. She eloped with two young fencing-masters, and rather than return to the doctor she declared they had never been married, "which was so public that the Spiritual Court flies began to buzz about our coffee-house," which so frightened the poor old man that to reconcile her he consented to an open marriage at Walden [Essex], and took her home again, since which he has lost his trade, as the women of the town will not let their husbands go to him, for fear they shall be at her. The doctor thinks as he knows Norfolk so well and

LE NEVE MSS. considering who he carries with him, a trade cannot fail him there, but he forgets friend Noll grows into years, as to his sorrow Millecent sufficiently knows is his own case.

1634.—1 Sept., 1700. **Lambert Nelson** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham [Suffolk].

Supposes Le Neve has heard from Capt. Millison [Millecent?] how matters are ordered at Slifield House. Nelson heard at Cheston Hall that the old lady left Hugh her personal estate and all her real estate; half of it only for life, and then to revert to Corpus Christi College in Oxford; the other half to him and the heirs of "his gouty body," and in default to the said college. "If this be true 'twas cunningly done of the parson to foist in a charitable use to give the better umbrage to the cheat; if there should be a contest at law the Court might incline to countenance the one for the sake of the other. Tom goes for London to-morrow morning in the stage coach to assist his brother in this inundation of wealth." Le Neve can meet Tom at Yoxford [Suff.] if he wishes. (2, No. 341.)

1635.—3 Sept., 1700 [?] **Sir John Rous** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Since Sir John's return home he intended a tour into Norfolk, but was prevented, "and now 'tis too late to venture meeting an ague on Docking Hill." Very busy about election work. Sir Philip Parker, upon Sir Walter Long's kindness, who left him a good estate, opposes the two last knights. Believes they shall have sport in their Corporations. Mr. North and Sergt. Richardson stand for Dunwich [Suff.] Expects Mr. Kemp and his new lady. "We were there at a dancing last Thursday, and the evening and morning made one day. I find myself too ancient for these frolics." Thinks Sir R. Kemp has not long to live. "Be pleased to take a plate or haunch of the buck." (2, No. 347.)

1636.—5 Sept., 1700. **Robert Mann**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham Hall [Suffolk.]

Has sent this evening, according to commands, to the Ipswich Arms in Cullam Street, nine yards of light grey cloth, eleven and a half yards of fine green serge, and two yards of green shagg; six dozen of white metal coat and twelve dozen of white metal washcoat buttons; two and three quarter yards of broad silver orris and two and three quarter yards of narrow, all of which are sufficient for two liveries, which Mann hopes will please. "There is, likewise, a little paper parcel in the box, which one Mrs. Hart gave me for Madam Knyvet." (10, No. 1665g.)

1637.—7 Sept., 1700. **John Pykarell**, Cringleford, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has great occasion for money on account of a purchase he is going to make, so desires Le Neve not to fail to pay him in his £100. (2, No. 348.)

1638.—12 Sept., 1700. **Edward Fuller**, Strand, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

The lime trees must not be moved till there is a good ground rain to mellow the earth, "that the roots may not be prejudiced in taking of them up." In a week or two the season will admit of this. Fuller has a gardener for Le Neve, who is sober and a good workman, and has agreed with him for £12 per ann. and his charges down.

"You may assure yourself that I'll be careful in loading the limes by the first opportunity and ship. You shall have choice good trees of any other sort." Post mark, S E over 12. (2, No. 368-374.) LE NEVE MSS.

1639.—20 Sept., 1700. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham. "To be left at Mr. Havers', a goldsmith in Norwich."

Had not an opportunity before to send the gun and dog. Likes the mare Le Neve let him have, "there was never a quieter, better conditioned creature in the world .... she improves every day; ..... you may see by my scrawl I was at it last night, near a dozen knights and gentlemen here." Means "wholly to give over any excess in that or anything .... When you go to Darsham my most humble service to all that incomparable good family." (10, No. 1665j.)

1640.—21 Sept., 1700. **N. Helwis,** Morton, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Thanks Le Neve for his "kind advice and politic hints .... I wish only you had applied your wrongful uppingness nearer home, and your unjustifiable actions to Ringland." Will give an account of the latter to Le Neve "and the rest of my friends," when time and opportunity serve. (2, No. 337.)

1641.—26 Sept., 1700. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Darsham [Suffolk.]

"I am sorry one of your chairs broke in the passage: upon my word I thought they were well packed. I have sent you your hanger, which I have made fashionable for as little charge as possible I could. I have sent you as good a hat as any is made of that sort, and hope the size will fit you. I went to your brother to know your size, knowing Mr. Henning would not assist me in it. I have been often with him for your bill, but could not get it till to-day, and have put it in the box with your hat and hanger and two belts, one your own old buff belt, which I had no order to do anything to but to dress, and the other a new black belt with a silver buckle, ordered in your last. If you please to order me I will pay Mr. Henning. Mr. Sanford paid the chair-maker. Your shoemaker is an idle dog, &c. .... I have bespoke the shears, which I'll send next return of the coach." (12, No. 2068.)

1642.—30 Sept., 1700. **John Tollis** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Expected to have heard about the leases long ago. Is going into Lincolnshire, will wait upon Le Neve with the lease on his return, if convenient. "If you think it requisite to keep your Leet this year, it may be called and adjourned to the usual place." Tollis will attend it. (10, No. 1665n.)

1643.—2 Oct., 1700. **Edward Fuller,** Strand, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Introduces the bearer, Thomas Houghton, who is the gardener he spoke of. [See *ante*, No. 1638.] (2, No. 371.)

1644.—3 Oct., 1700. **Same** to **Same.**

Has sent the gardener by Mr. Southgate, the Norwich carrier, who was eleven or twelve years at his last place. Has instructed him to keep an exact account of the expenses. The rains have made it fine for moving trees. (2, No. 372.)

LE NEVE MSS. 1645.—3 Oct., 1700. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve** at Darsham [Suff.]

Received Le Neve's letter yesterday by Mrs. London, and hopes before this the things have arrived. Rose took directions from Mr. Lemmon, who told him the Beckley coach went out on Friday morning. Refers to former letter. Saw "your brother" who told Rose Le Neve's son had the small pox. Rose went to the School and saw him, "he was very full and 'twas doubtful of his recovery, but now this being the eighth day" it is thought he is likely to recover. He was "my very good friend and hath paid me a good many visits since I saw you." Service to "your good lady." (12, No. 2071.)

1646.—10 Oct., 1700. **Margaret London**, the White Bear in King Street, Covent Garden, to **Nicholas Sanford** at Mr. Middleton's in Muscovy Court, on Tower Hill, London.

Encloses an order from "Cousin Le Neve" for £22 she had laid out for him; her brother Smith will give a receipt. [Subjoined is a receipt for £22 by Wm. Smith for "my sister" on account of Oliver Le Neve.] (2, No. 381.)

1647.—15 Oct., 1700. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve** at Witchingham. "To be left at Mr. Havers', a goldsmith in Norwich."

Hopes Le Neve and family arrived safely at Witchingham, and that he received the money for the mare, which was returned to Mr. Havers, all but 5*s*. The mare improves, and Millecent expects to sell it well. Will be glad if Le Neve will send his gardener soon; he has let his garden lie till he is ashamed of it. Service to your cousin and lady. (10, No. 1665.)

1648.—17 Oct., 1700. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. "To be left at Mr. Havers', a goldsmith in Norwich."

Writes on a double account, first upon the desire of a friend who wishes to make his addresses to a lady of Norwich, "if she is not already engaged, which is the only thing he begs you to enquire.....The person is my Lady Nightingale, he very well knew her and her circumstances, and only begs you to let me know the first-mentioned request, and if at liberty you will quickly see him at Witchingham and Jack Flack with him; the other thing is about your gun and dog," they were carried to John Lord's at Bourne Bridge [Camb.], but the waggon not being come in they were left there. The dog came home again in a day, but Millecent thought the gun would have arrived. Will enquire about it. (10, No. 1665i.)

1649.—8 Nov., 1700. **Richard Harris**, Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham Hall, near Lenade Bridge.

As for the gherkins, Mr. Thompson is not in town, Harris will send them when he returns. Does Le Neve want the codfish in a barrel or in coopes? As for the earthenware, Mr. Michels is in Holland. (2, No. 331.)

1650.—27 Nov., 1700. **Same** to **Same.**

Has bought a barrel of codfish, but can't get it on shore for a week; cannot get a half-barrel for a week, when he will send it to Darsham [Suff.] Has been to Michels about Le Neve's delft-ware; Michels delivered what he brought over in July to Mr. Richard Ferrier. Supposes Le Neve's greens will come by Nathaniel Hart. Has received from the **Benjamin Thompson** one tub of gherkins and a copper chocolate-pot, which he has sent forward to Mr. Thomas Havers at Norwich. Intends soon to come to Reepham, will then call and see Le Neve's wool. Hopes he has already received his trees. (2, No. 335.)

1651.—5 Dec., 1700. **John Millecent,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Millecent's servant, Robert Keye, died last Monday from a fever, "by a cold he catched squeezing cider. I never had so great a concern upon any servant's loss .... I had Dr. Hobart and a pothecary from Cambridge, and nothing left undone to save him. .... I think to get home the beginning of next week." Sends service to Mrs. Le Neve, "to whom she (coz.) will write an answer to hers as soon as her eyes are better, which has been ill. Peter bid me tell you he has not writ to you because he expects Sherbridge in town every day .... He has not yet settled with the clerk of the Assizes, expecting a summons from Mr. Betts." (10, No. 1667.)

1652.—8 Dec., 1700. **John Tollis to Oliver Le Neve.**

"Goodman Copeman and Mr. Tuddenham will not pay me for their part of the leases." Hopes Le Neve will not be angry if he sues them; hates to be baffled by such sort of men. (10, No. 1666.)

1653.—11 Dec., 1700. **Lambert Nelson,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has to pay Dr. Prideaux a considerable sum of money on 10 January, which money he understands Le Neve is going to get. It is at present in London, of which he notifies Le Neve in case the latter would prefer to have any part of it paid to his order there. Answer by the Halesworth [Suff.] post at the King's Head. Swore Mr. Henry Cooper sheriff, at the Club, on Saturday night. "God send him a good deliverance, for I believe, and we all hope, he'll hang himself before his year be out." (2, No. 343.)

1654.—26 Dec., 1700. **John Millecent,** Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

All that Le Neve mentioned about Rob's affairs has been done, for his brother was with him three or four days before he died, and T. Tyrrell made his will. Expresses his sorrow at his loss, &c. [see ante No. 1651.] Coz. Dolly is at his elbow and "bids me tell you she wishes you here to smoke a pipe with her, and that she loves you dearly, and will take and always observe your good advice you gave her when last here together; but, however, she believes you were flibb when you gave it, and both you and Mr. Tyrrell speak very feelingly when the cuckoo has picked up the dirt. The two girls and I threaten to make havoc at Witching-ham, and hope you will prepare husbands for them against they come. Mall. is much yours and dear cousin's humble servant, no

LE NEVE MSS. less you may be assured am I hers and pretty Mrs. Hannah Gray's. Service to honest Gyles, &c." (10, No. 1668.)

1655.—27 Dec. [1700?] **John Rous, jun.**, Henham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has just come from Ipswich to drink ale with the tenants. "The greatest fault we find with the country is there's too many foxes. We are apt to change, but run the thickest whin very well.... I have now just drank two flutes, which I hope is a good excuse for my ill writing, you know sometimes I write very fine." (2, No. 350.)

CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

RELATING TO THE FAMILY OF

OLIVER LE NEVE,

OF WITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK,

From 1701 to 1704.

LE NEVE CORRESPONDENCE.

1700-1.

1656.—2 Jan., 1700-1. **Lambert Nelson**, Henham, to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS.

Has bespoken Le Neve a saddle, which he will send to Havers', in Norwich, by the Halesworth [Suffolk] postman, who will charge 8*d.* or 9*d.* Expects to be in Norwich at the Blue Bell on Pig Hill, on the 11th inst., about the doctor's business. Has spoken to cousin Jenkenson about the greyhound, which is lame, but will be brought shortly to Le Neve. The family at Darsham are well. Mrs. Hannah Rous sends her service "to old Noll." (2, No. 340.)

Signed,

Johis R Rous. Barr.

Who has no gout in his hand and but a very little in his left foot.

1657.—25 January, 1700[1]. **Henry Rippingall** to [**Oliver Le Neve**].

Mr. Bird and his wife will be at [Le Neve's] house to seal the writings on Monday next. Kitt Layer shall bring the writings. Incloses a receipt for the bill for £5. (2, No. 373.)

1658.—3 March, 1700-1. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Le Neve has not written for many months. Millecent has been ill with gout and fever; is better now. He, Dolly, and Mall design Le Neve a visit next month. Robert Keye's brother carries this letter. Service to "my good cousin" and pretty Mrs. Han., and all friends, especially Gyles. "The old gentleman and young Justice Tyrell is by me and much yours." (10, No. 1669.)

1659.—11 March, 1700-1. **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

His butler's brother will be shortly with Le Neve. Hopes he pleases. Expected to have met Le Neve at Mrs. Rippingall's. (16, No. 2980.)

1701.

1660.—28 March, 1701. **Lambert Nelson** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham. "To be left at Mr. Alderman Havers', near the Red Well in Norwich."

Hopes Le Neve has returned as safe from Thetford as *he* has got to Bramfield [Suffolk]. If Le Neve bargains for the land in "your town" Nelson would like to have word that he may positively engage his client's money for Le Neve. (15, No. 2675.)

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1661.—1 April, 1701. **Wm. Oldman** to "the Worshipful **Oliver Le Neve**, Esq., at Witchingham. Humbly present."

[A very humble letter.] Oldman has sent to his brother and has heard that he is very ill. His illness alone has prevented his waiting on Le Neve. (12, No. 2074.)

1662.—1 April, 1701. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Went to Cambridge for change of air, but in three days returned as bad as ever of the gout, "and with the doctor's advice to drink water: added to it an asthma and dropsy.... I am in a hopeful way unless I can reach May, that the all-flower water may drench me whole again." T. Riches is not to blame about the horses [see post, No. 1680], they were good drawers before he got them. Hopes Le Neve will not be remain prejudiced against him. (10, No. 1671.)

1663.—3 April, 1701. **Nath. Hart** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Will send the cask of clover to Norwich, and direct it to Asting Peterson. Mr. Man misinformed Le Neve about the Greens. When Hart was in Rotterdam he asked Mr. Wiggins and Carter whether they had sent them, "and they told me that they would buy them, provided I would pay for them, which made me much angry . . . they told me they would resolve me in twenty-four hours . . . it was about Mr. Harris' bill . . . I could wish that you had not concerned yourself with none of them, &c." Will sail for Holland in six days. [A confused letter, evidently written by a foreigner.] (10, No. 1672.)

1664.—5 April, 1701. **Richard Ferrier**, Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham.

Mr. Sacheveril has paid for what Ferrier has laid out for Le Neve. Freight was charged by the Mitchells, "in whose ships I am not concerned." Would have been ashamed to have charged freight for such trifles by either Hart or Tomson. "Mr. Sacheveril takes care of a bottle of brandy I have had in my house some months, marked O.L.N., of which I have never heard from you." (15, No. 2674.)

1665.—7 April, 1701. **Richard Harriss**, Yarmouth, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve.**

Will send forward the two bottles and box: "as for the brandy, I do not think it convenient to send it by this man, by reason I know there is so much looking out about this town and Norwich." Will send it by Mr. Chapman's keelman. (15, No. 2679.)

1666.—8 April, 1701. **Nath. Hart**, Yarmouth, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve.**

Has received the 20 guineas, which shall be disposed of according to order, and Hart will take a discharge of Wiggins and Carter. Will send the clover seed forward this day. (10, No. 1674.)

1667.—21 April, 1701. **Robert Monsey** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Mr. Starkey told Monsey, Le Neve desired to have some of his plants. "I had resolved to make a reserve for you, whoever else I denied .... the noise of my leaving my garden brings beggars about me." (10, No. 1673.)

1668.—29 April, 1701. **Will. Mingay**, the Duke's Head, Lynn, to **Philip** [letter torn here], at Broo. LE NEVE MSS.

Sends his servant to wait on his correspondent with this letter, that he may "discover your inclination to the affair we had some conference about." Hopes it may be of advantage to both. (15, No. 2718.)

1669.—30 April, 1701. **Lambert Nelson**, Darsham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham.

Received Le Neve's about Smoaker, and sent his brother to Cheston [Camb.] to retrieve him, "but my coz. was not at home. Smoaker was out of the way, I suppose by his man's contrivance on purpose, who says you shall not have him any more; but as soon as my coz. comes home I'll try who is master, Dick or John, or see whether the property of the dog be not more yours than any one's else. Will send him by Halesworth [Suff.] Post." Hopes to meet Le Neve in London the middle of May. "The old gentlewoman at Sotterly [Suff.] was living on Monday, but when she'l be otherwise the Lord knows." [Endorsed with some figures.] (15, No. 2676.)

1670.—6 May, 1701. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Witchingham.

Cannot come to London as he hoped. "The pastures are so extremely bare, that the cows leave them to come into the yard to eat straw." Cannot get any "cow's cordial," which he hopes will cure him. "Tell Mrs. de Grey I am extremely sorry to hear so discerning a young lady in all kinds should so little consider as to throw herself away, in spite of all persuasion, upon a May Pole .... I yesterday sold the mare for 21 guineas; too little, for this is a time one ought to treble rather than only double one's money." (10, No. 1675.)

1671.—7 May, 1701. **Nicholas L'Estrange**, Mileham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"You are desired to meet the rest of the Commissioners at the King's Head, in Wymondham, upon Friday, the 23rd inst., by ten of the clock in the forenoon, to consider of the deficiency of the 3*s*. Aid in '98-99." (15, No. 2673.)

1672.—25 May, 1701. **Richard Harriss**, Yarmouth, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Received a letter this day from Rotterdam telling him Mr. Carter is gone off. Is going over himself in Robt. Mitchell's vessel. Will take care of the teapot and "Koke beef." (15, No. 2678.)

1673.—26 May, 1701. **Aug. Holl**, Twyford, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"The Rector of Twyford lives in Cambridgeshire, and his Curate not resident with us, which occasioned the neglect of not returning a certificate from a register of our births and burials. Both the rector and curate are very good men, and I hope they will not suffer for this default, there having this last year been no burials and only two children born, whose parents take collection from our parish." [Endorsed in another hand, with accounts of marriages, births, and burials.] (15, No. 2721.)

1674.—28 May, 1701 [?]. **G. Cutting**, Hoveton, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve.**

Madam Calthorpe was buried yesterday. She was unfortunate enough to involve herself and her son in suits to the value of £1000.

LE NEVE MSS. Cutting has bond and judgment for £153; and also two sureties in another bond, "which are responsible, but, by reason of my suits with Sir Jonas Preston, all proceedings have stayed for about seven years. At last my matter was settled by Sir Tho. Cuddon, her brother; and I might have my money twenty times, if I would have delivered up my patent I had from Mr. Calthorpe's father for my life, which I refused; upon which one Thornhill (an Irishman) kept the courts for above ten years past; and, for want of the court books and rolls, the manuscripts are in great disorder, and many strange admissions have been made, and that, as I am informed, with blanks in the new court book, and many rents are in danger to be lost." Cutting will make Mr. Calthorpe a present of this patent upon his agreeing to let him keep the courts for three or four years, to bring everything into order again. Cutting kept them for eleven years for Calthorpe's father. "Thornhill did many extravagant things:" upon lending him "money, has taken absolute conveyances, instead of mortgages." Hopes, as Le Neve is a near relation of Mr. Calthorpe's, he will assist Cutting. Asks Le Neve and his lady to dine; you are "sure of a fish dinner and good wine." He can meet Mr. Calthorpe and his wife at Cutting's house. (16, No. 2981.)

1675.—29 May, 1701. **John Hacking** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

About six years ago Le Neve sent him a large black spaniel water-dog, "to be made wait of a gun," and, by Mr. Charles Bedingfield of Oxborough, promised a guinea for the training of him. He was sent home well trained, and Hacking has heard nothing since. Writes by his brother, Nathaniel Coldner? (2, No. 349.)

1676.—3 June, 1701. **B. Monrow,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has sent the two boxes of tobacco ordered to the waggon. (10, No. 1676.)

1677.—12 June, 1701 (?). **George Murray,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has sent a ham to Mrs. Le Neve, and two stoape [*sic*] bottles of right Frontenac wine, and likewise two stoape of the best F. cognac brandy "to yourself." Asks Le Neve to write to him at Mr. Richard Weston's, near Lymehouse Bridge, London. (15, No. 2746.)

1678.—13 June, 1701. **Nath. Hart,** Yarmouth, to **Capt. Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has sent by James Sherrod's wherry as many trees as Hart could bring with him, and he will send by the first opportunity a "wesfelly" [Westphalia?] ham and a long bottle of brandy. Is getting the balance of Le Neve's account with Wiggins and Carter. [Endorsed, "To be answered."] (10, No. 1678.)

1679.—14 June, 1701. **Edm. Harrison** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has paid £25 to Mrs. Prattane. The rails will be ready Monday come se'nnight. The colt is well. "Mr. Oldwich was just one hundred pound." (4, No. 689.)

1680.—14 June, 1701. **[Thos.] Richers,** Great Chesterford Pike [Essex], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham. "To be left at the Post House in Norwich, by way of London."

[See *ante,* No. 1662.] "I never yet was so covetous as to think

of making my fortune at my friends' expense; and if the horse I sold you did not prove according to expectation, you knew where I lived, and 'twould have been kinder to have given me an account of it by a private letter than to have published me for a cheat: which, from Norwich to London, I have heard of; and how far the report may have diffused itself I know not, but sure I am it has done me a great deal of injury with some of my friends, of which number I, perhaps, may have reason to think Jack Millecent and Peter Le Neve to be; the only two of intimacy I either had or desired to have, yourself excepted, which, upon their account (for upon no other pretence could I aspire to that title), I thought myself very happy in your friendship." Goes on to justify himself, and offers "the mutual exchange of horse and money." Hopes he may be received again "into the number of your friends, being maugre your anger." (15, No. 2668.)

1681.—22 June, 1701. **Thomas Nodes**, Rotterdam, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Thanks Le Neve for his kind wishes in his matrimonial state. Does not know yet whether he will settle in Rotterdam or in London. Will be glad to be serviceable to Le Neve or his friends at any time. (15, No. 2666.)

1682.—24 July [1701?] **John Millecent**, Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Mr. Rose's, the Two Golden Eagles, Ludgate Street.

Arrived safely, but found Dolly disturbed at an unlucky accident, for Rob. left the cock unturned of the hogshead of drink "she writ me about, ... so rarely good," and the whole hogshead ran about the cellar. Thanks Le Neve for favours at London, and the lemon juice, "which I have just been trying at Jack's with some syrup of sugar. I told Peg how to make [it] with lemon peèl, and I never tasted the richest sherbet finer in my life." Wants two bottles of the juice. Give Frances half-a-crown for him, and the same to Mary at Bow. Millecent did not see them before he left. Humble service and thanks to Mr. Sheffe—— [paper torn]. Wants Le Neve to buy him a large "coveing" net, without a line if cheaper. Robert is gone to Runton a tything. The Dr. and Mother follow next week. "Harvest goes on slowly; merry storms and ticklish weather .... Service to all as due, especially Peter, Bow, Strand, and Ludgate." [Endorsed with accounts.] (10, No. 1770.)

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[Dr. H.?]	15	0
To the maids	5	0
Capp.	5	0
2 bottles of Juice ..	3	5
2 bottles more	3	5

1683.—26 July [1701?] **Same** to **Same.**

Knows nothing of the caps. Forgot leaving one at Cousin Wright's. Does not expect to hear from Le Neve at present, as he will be busy in preparation for his journey. Cousin Billy will let Dolly know when he sets out. Company being with him, Millecent did not read Le Neve's letter nicely, and "had like to have done the mischief you cautioned me of; but, by H. Walpole's example, I will not be guilty." The good news of "your good lady's and your deliverance being so near much elevates me." Hopes Peter will write a long letter of "matters." (10, No. 1771.)

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1684.—2 Aug., 1701. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Same**, Witchingham.

Has not heard for so long "that I don't know if there be such a man in the land of Norfolk, though I have seen two parts of you near and at London, who to a miracle so improves that 'tis beyond belief. As for the hopes of seeing you, they are banished, unless I go into Holland, where it may be I may find you." Would like to go for a fortnight "to see Loo, and there the K. of Prussia, D. of Zell, D. of Hanover, &c., and the armies so near encamped; which, if you would do, here is to attend you two or three honest gentlemen, and, for your valet, your humble servant.

[Postscript.] "Ah! Noll! I want thy art, for, next chamber to mine, has several nights lain a beautiful young lady, who, do what I can, is a *noli me tangere*." (10, No. 1679.)

1685.—19 Aug., 1701. **Same** to **Same**.

"I had this day, as I writ you word I thought I should, set forward for Loo, had the gentlemen been all as willing; but crossing the great fish-pond is very easy to talk on by all, but not so ready to be ventured upon when they come to." Millecent is ready to start when Peter is, and will wait on him to Witchingham. Is hindered from saying more now by Cousin Tyrrell, Mr. Jeffreys, and other company coming in. (15, No. 2682.)

1686.—24 Aug., 1701. **Richard Harris**, Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

About ten days since Harris sent to Mr. John Chapman, of Coltishall, the stone, the two iron backs, and a bottle of brandy, which were bought at Rotterdam. When Harris was over there he bought two bottles of brandy—one for Le Neve and one for himself—and, coming home by way of Newcastle, the custom officers seized one. Has sent Le Neve what was saved. Has enclosed account of what the goods cost, also the custom and freight. Please pay the account (£5) to Mr. Peetterson. Le Neve may command him at any time. (15, No. 2682.)

1687.—10 Sept., 1701 [?]. **Sir Horatio Pettus** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Thanks Le Neve for enquiring after their health, and for the piece of venison. Hopes Le Neve will give his good company at the eating of it. He goes away on Monday morning to Bugdon [Bucton?]. Lady Pettus and Sir Thomas Mares send service. "I'll not dine before two o'clock, and will expect you *all*. My Cousin Rouse is still with me . . . . but goes away to-morrow, by the living Lord, if not prevented." (15, No. 2810.)

1688.—13 Sept., 1701. **J. Howse** [?], Norwich, to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Is willing to give £11. 3*s*. [?] for the three score of sheep, provided they are the same Rog. Spore saw. Let Le Neve write to him at Mrs. Osborne's, and, if he thinks fit, Howse will send a messenger to draw them, with the money. (10, No. 1681.)

1689.—18 Sept., 1701. **Thomas Rose**, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Was in the country when Le Neve came to his house. Hopes his man pleased him in the hats sent by Southgate, Norwich carrier. When he sees Mr. Coiming he will let Le Neve know what he designs to do as to his coming down. (12, No. 2073.)

1690.—25 Sept., 1701. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS.

Will not neglect this opportunity of writing, "though I leave a very pretty young lady that was at the Bath when I was there, to write. Is going, on Monday next, again to Bath, with Peter, in a light chaise, now making, for a pair of horses. Mr. Cesar's wife, Nanny, and Jacky go by stage, and "we before them, for lodgings." Hopes to have Peter's company at Christmas "at a place called Witchingham, for otherwise we may despair of seeing the master of that place." Hears from John Richers that Le Neve is well. (10, No. 1682.)

1691.—7 Oct., 1701. **Edm. Harrison**, Ashwellthorpe, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

The courts are to be kept on the 28th and 29th Oct. Harrison has sent to Darsham, as he used to do. The colt is well; but Harrison cannot keep him well in the winter, as his grass is almost gone. (15, No. 2667.)

1692.—14 Oct., 1701. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"I received yours the day after your brother went to the Bath. Your son was with me the night before he went, for a hat, which I furnished him to his content. I have sent you, by the *Ann and Judith*, off Yarmouth, John Attwood, master, six cheeses, according to your order, as good as I could get, and as cheap; the bill is at the bottom. I am sorry for the loss of your hanger; but you know it is natural for tradesmen to be glad of customers." (12, No. 2075.)

1693.—15 Nov., 1701. **Sm. [?] Fleetwood** to **[Oliver or Peter Le Neve].**

Writes, to save Le Neve trouble, "that when you looked over for Burrough, you might lay by any that concern Wissett, in Suffolk, or Corpusty, or Heydon; for Sir Nathaniel Bacon purchased lands for the Smiths in both the last places, or had deeds of the Smiths, he marrying their mother; and possibly thereof Elmonton or Elmondale may concern me, for Sir Roger's and my lands are contiguary, and old Sir John Potts was contemporary with some of the Smiths, so I suppose kept his own" [word partly blotted] "tenings, which the others did not, being minors. I suppose that you have more that concern Winston, Stockton, or Gelston." (16, No. 2987.)

1694.—1 Dec., 1701. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. "To be left at Mr. Havers', a goldsmith."

Has been very ill above a month, but is this day got into his closet. Will come with Peter to Witchingham. Peter is interested to know since he came from the Bath how Betty Fenton looked and where she lodges now. Presents humble service to "your good lady, my pretty play-fellow, that was he! ho! for my gouty limbs can be serviceable to young ladies no more, unless they can be as good horsewomen as St. George, and I fear Kitt Layer has so often [to] alight and get up that he has some limbs more and other less stiff than mine." (10, No. 1683.)

1695.—5 Dec., 1701. **Same**, London, to **Same.**

Had not Le Neve's letter till yesterday, as he and Peter have not been able to meet so often lately, "so could not before this

Le Neve MSS. day send down to have the boy go to you, which I infallibly do, as soon as I tell you." (10, No. 1684.)

1696.—9 Dec., 1701. **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Should have appeared amongst the rest of the owners in Wood-dalling had not some extraordinary business intervened. Is wholly for standing by the valuation. (16, No. 3053.)

1697.—9 Dec., 1701.—**John Read**, North Elmham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"According to my former promise, that when I could get any venison I would send it to you, I have this day happened of a pair of shoulders and umbles and sent them by this bearer. I could have sent two pair, but fearing you should not like them, and remembering the old proverb, too much of one thing, &c., I sent but one . . . . Mr. Knight tells me the price of this winter venison is but three shilling." [P.S.] "Since the writing of this letter I have considered that it might be a long time before I got any more, so I have sent you two pair." (15, No. 2670.)

1698.—16 Dec., 1701. **John Playters** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

When Le Neve last wrote he intimated that he had sent the deed of settlement or a copy, but Playters has not received it. Has not been wanting in putting Le Neve in Mrs. Norris' mind for his good, "when she has been in a disposing humour; she continues in the same state of health . . . . but most tedious for that. My wife cannot compose to send an answer to little Isabel . . . . Our neighbours generally will appear for the old friend Sir Jacob, as I suppose you will understand upon your county election; the young ones dined with Sir Neyille, and so won him." (15, No. 2665a.)

1699.—19 Dec., 1701. **John Haskins** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham Hall.

Has done what is needful to cradle. He must be given running all winter, not used, and once a month his shoes must be removed "before." (15, No. 2672.)

1701-2.

1700.—2 Jan., 1701-2. **Richard Harris**, Yarmouth, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham Hall, near Lenwade Bridge.

The half-barrel of fish will arrive in a fortnight's time, as also 200 "sourds [sounds?] and guletts." (15, No. 2681.)

1701.—2 Jan., 1701-2. **John Lawrence** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent a note for the dog to the Fleece, and hopes he will prove according to expectations. (4, No. 690.)

1702.—8 Jan., 1701-2. **Henry Rippingall** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"On Saturday last Mr. Buxton was with me, and showed me a writ against his High Sheriff, Mr. Suckling, on account of the execution against your tenant, Buck, to which he says an appearance must be

given next Saturday; also, his Sheriff must be arrested, which he hopes you'll not suffer." (15, No. 2666a.) LE NEVE MSS.

1703.—12 Jan., 1701-2. **Joseph Hayton**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

[A schoolmaster's letter.] "The many obligations you have laid upon me, by that plentiful provision you are pleased to allow me for educating your son, has ever been a sufficient encouragement to exert the utmost of my endeavours, and try all those ways and methods" [that] "might, in my weak judgment, seem any way conducing to his benefit or improvement; and tho' I am no way conscious to myself of neglecting that charge you have intrusted me with, or of preferring my own ease whenever it interfered with his profit, yet the accumulating such new unexpected favours upon me as your late kind present (for which I return you my hearty thanks) engages me anew to do something in order to retaliation," &c., &c. . . . Mr. John is in very good health. He gives his duty to you and to his mother, with his love to his sisters. (15, No. 2669.)

1704.—31 Jan., 1701-2. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suffolk], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. "Post paid, 2*d.*, at Walden" [Essex].

Will see Le Neve sooner than he thought. Business will not permit Peter to accompany them. Has obeyed Le Neve's commands in a couple of beagles. Mr. Lowther, lady, and child have been with Millecent all the winter. After they leave, "my girls and I will meet you at Sir John Gawdy's, . . . or lie at Thetford. . . . Give me but three or four days' notice, and from thence you may guess whither we design." Dolly has to be fetched from Cambridge. "Service to honest Chris.; tell her I am playing well." (10, No. 1685.)

1705.—9 Feb., 1701-2. **Benj. Thompson** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Has a line and a paper of handkerchiefs for Le Neve, which Thompson received from young Edmund Peeterson. Please send for them; and write by the first, as Thompson is ready to sail for Holland. (4, No. 693.)

1706.—10 Feb., 1701-2. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is obliged to go to London on Theoph. Tyrrell's business. His grandfather, Sir Robert, bought an estate in Ireland, of the value of £4000. During the rebellion there in '46 it was forfeited to the King, but, upon petition in Parliament, can now be obtained again. Tyrrell is sick, so Millecent goes for him. He must give up his design of going into Norfolk. Service to his cousin and Mrs. X. (10, No. 1686.)

1707.—10 Feb., 1701-2. **Robert Monsey**, Boston, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has a little nursery of young oaks at Whitwell, the acorns of which were set the same year as Mr. Laye's, but they are not so forward. If Le Neve will accept of half a hundred, they are at his service. Would be glad of the use of Le Neve's *Athenæ Oxon.* for a week or two. (10, No. 1670.)

1708.—16 Feb., 1701-2. **Genevivae Smith** to **Mrs. Le Neve.**

Received of Mrs. Le Neve the sum of £2. 18*s.* 0*d.*, by the hands of Mr. Nicholas Sandford, in full of all accounts. (12, No. 2076.)

Le Neve MSS. 1709.—4 March, 1701-2. **James Norris** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent what was ordered, viz.:—

	s.	d.
6 yds. of fevret	1	6
6 ,, Guillowne	1	6
1 ps. of Tape	1	2
	4	2

"Sir,—Hearing that Madam Neve is to be buried from Suffolk, at your town, do hope there may be occasion for some fine black cloth for mourning." Has good gloves for a funeral, and the best velvet pall that is in town. (12, No. 2076.)

1710.—5 March, 1701-2 [?] **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is sorry Le Neve is so disappointed in the cheeses. They were sent carefully. Has sent two as good hats as were ever made of the sort, by Hurst of Norwich. The bill is in the box. Le Neve's son makes Rose a visit sometimes: he is very well. (12, No. 2072.)

1711.—7 March, 1701-2. **John Millecent**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Rejoices at the occasion that calls Le Neve from Witchingham. Millecent is not going to Harling, "I fear I must not see Norfolk this Spring, London having wholly weakened my springs of travelling, and all things chargeable, especially that of Petticoats." (10, No. 1688.)

1712.—12 March, 1701-2. **Ed. Fuller**, Strand, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has hired a gardener, very fit for Le Neve's business. Has agreed with him for £12 per ann. and his charges. (15, No. 2671.)

1713.—14 March, 1701-2. **Christopher Layer, Junr.**, to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Has procured a man [the bearer] as groom for Le Neve. He has been some time with Dr. Parham. Can engage for his honesty. (4, No. 692.)

1702.

1714.—25 March, 1702. **Thomas Edwards**, Wisbeach [Camb.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Mrs. Balam was at London, and had to write to her sister; "it" was sent by "my brother's, Will. Browne's man," as soon as it could be got. (15, No. 2689.)

1715.—25 Mar., 1702. **Edward Fuller** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. "To go from Norwich by the Lynn waggon."

Has received his brother Looker's letter, and has sent down the bearer, John Hard, who is a good gardener and a sober man. Has agreed with him for £12 per ann. and charges down. Hard called at Mrs. Smith's for the pencil, but it was not done. She will send it to-morrow. (15, No. 2695.)

1716.—3 April, 1702. **A. Meetkerke** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. "To be left with Mr. Nich. Sanford, in Muscovy Court on Great Tower Hill, London." LE NEVE MSS.

Mr. Warden is not coming into Norfolk till next spring; is sorry as Le Neve desired their coming, "however, the colts are under no prejudice." Hopes to meet Le Neve in London the 23rd May. Please to write to Mr. Young's, on Laurance Poultry Hill, London. Mr. Holloway is dead, but whatever is paid to his partner, Mr. Coggs, for Meetkerke's use, shall be accounted for as paid to Meetkerke. (15, No. 2693.)

1717.—4 April, 1702. **John Millecent to Oliver Le Neve.**

Asks if Le Neve is going to London for the Coronation, "which it may be my good cousin may have a mind to see; especially since 'tis her own sex that has begun her reign, so extraordinary, both as to the weather and the universal joy in the hearts of her people." (10, No. 1687.)

1718.—10 April, 1702. **Thomas Rose**, Theobald's, Herts, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"This gentleman, the bearer, Capt. Rutter, is my very good friend, and as honest a worthy gentleman as any in the army, and hath a commission to raise a company in the regiment of my Lord Lucas. He being a stranger in those parts, I beg humbly of you .... to assist him or direct him, &c." (12, No. 2078.)

1719.—14 April, 1702. **Edm. Themelthorp** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"I am going over the receipt of Mr. Risbee's small rents, therefore desire you to order the matter so as I may see the last receipt, and have the rent in arrears at Michaelmas." (4, No. 691.)

1720.—14 April, 1702. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Wichingham.

Cannot visit Harling, as Dr. Wright is coming to stay with him. Saw Le Neve's fine stone horse at Newmarket: wonders how he can part with him. Jack Flack is staying for this, which makes Millecent abruptly conclude. (10, No. 1689.)

1721.—14 April, 1702. **Ursula Slyford** to Cousin **Oliver Le Neve.**

The £100 legacy was more than she expected, and Mrs. Slyford will always acknowledge "her" kindness. Is afraid her son Oliver will not be fit for Le Neve's business, "because neither his writing nor skill in accounts will be enough to manage your affairs, he being, by his education, and being bound to his brother, used to more inferior business .... Peter is likewise with his brother, who designs to bring him up to merchandise." Sends humble service for favours, "which is all a poor widow is capable of." (10, No. 1690.)

1722.—20 April, 1702. **Thomas Templeman**, decd. (Extract from Prerogative Court of Grant of Administration), to **Ann Templeman.** (7, No. 1252.)

Thomas Templeman. Vicesimo die emanabit commissio Annæ Templeman Relictae Thomas Templeman nuper parochiae S^{ti} Sepulchri, London, sed apud Hadham in comitatu Hertford defuncti habentis re ad administrandum bona jura et credita dicti defuncti De bene re jurat.

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30 Apr., 1703.
Thos. Welham, Reg. Deptus.

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1723.—23 April, 1702. **Richard Harriss**, Yarmouth, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham Hall.

Benjamin Thompson sails next week for Holland. Harris can furnish Le Neve with right good glass bottles if he wants any, also with "coles." Mr. Broad and his wife present their service. (15, No. 2700.)

1724.—9 May, 1702. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Supposes Le Neve has heard from Peter that Millecent wants to get a penny honestly by being Receiver General for his county. Asks Le Neve's assistance. Is going to London about it in a fortnight. Sends this to Cambridge by Jack Lovell. (10, No. 1691.)

1725.—28 May, 1702. **Same**, Bow [London], to **Same.**

Millecent sees Le Neve thinks it "very improper to have spoken of any such thing" to him. He does not pretend to merit so high a favour from any person, "but my Lord Arlington, for whom I labour." If they put him in, he will go through with it for one year, and see what it is. "If it doth but pay my tax, which, with other payments, and the badness of last year, and the Bath charges, lie heavy, and oblige me to do something to keep at poor Barham, a place I am very unwilling to leave until life leave." (10, No. 1692.)

1726.—30 May, 1702. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"I'll send, by the carrier, a bottle of *aqua vitæ*, the best I can get. Mr. Bladwell hath paid your bill, by whom I sent you a 'pipkin of salve.'" Sends service to him and to Mr. Robinson. "I begin to grow old, for that of late my arguments are not so good with my wife as they were formerly; but she hath been in the country some time, as Mr. Robinson will bear me witness, and when she returns, I'll try whether I can be more prevalent, and get her to give me the receipt for the salve." (12, No. 2079.)

1727.—3 June, 1702. **Thomas Folkard**, Uggeshall [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. "To be left at Mrs. Prattant's, a grocer's shop at White Lion Lane's end, in the Market Place."

Is sorry he and his wife cannot come to Witchingham, as they promised. It was arranged that Sister Palgrave should govern the family during their absence, and Folkard had provided a supply for Sunday; but, on the sudden, Sister Palgrave writes to say she cannot possibly come to Uggeshall. They cannot trust the family to the conduct of servants, so beg to be excused. Capt. Palgrave, at whose house Sister Palgrave is at present, had intended waiting upon Le Neve during their visit." (10, No. 1693.)

1728.—7 June, 1702. **Rebert Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Reepham.

Thanks Le Neve for his favours designed him of his letter to London, "but last night I received another put-off from the person I have to deal with, which makes me suspect by such shuffling that he is not so sincere in the matter as I did believe him to be, so I must be content to let things stand as they have been these 20 years." (10, No. 1677.)

1729.—13 June, 1702. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Has sent by Southgate, Norwich carrier, a bottle of *aqua vitæ*, and has now sent three chests of Florence wine by Duke Barsham, master of the *Frances*, off Yarmouth. It cost £4 for chest, forty-four flasks, and porterage; wharfage and sufferance, 6*s*. Is sorry he disobliged Mr. Rouse. Humble service to Mr. Bladwell and Mr. Robinson, but particularly Rose's and his wife's service to Mrs. Le Neve. (12, No. 2080.)

1730.—15 June, 1702. **Richard Harris**, Yarmouth, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Thought Le Neve had two tubs of gherkins from Mr. Gell, but finds he had but one, so Harris owes him or Mr. Cheverill 4*s*. 6*d*. Will be coming to Reepham soon, when he will wait upon Le Neve. Has sent forward Le Neve's letters to Rotterdam which came from Norwich. (15, No. 2701.)

1731.—18 June, 1702. **John Millecent**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has at length, through difficulty, accomplished his business, which only waits Le Neve's confirmation. Would like to meet him at Sir John's, Tuesday next, or he will go on to Witchingham with the Captain's consent, who is one of the Commissioners, and will bring the other Mr. Harrison, besides Sir Rob. Drury and old Lovell, near Harling. (10, No. 1695.)

1732.—23 June, 1702. **Richard Harris**, Yarmouth, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

The three chests of wine are sent to Norwich, and are at Adham Brewery, at the Common Stairs. Ben. Thompson is not gone over [to Rotterdam], but the letters have been sent to young Peeterson, who will send Le Neve orders by Nath. Hart. (15, No. 2702.)

1733.—1 July, 1702. **Sir John Holland**, Quidenham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Asks for Le Neve's assistance at the next election. (15, No. 2704.)

1734.—10 July, 1702. **Robert Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Asks for the character of a servant named Stephen. Monsey wants him to look after his horse, go errands, and now and then do something in the garden. Monsey has had six loads of gravel from the pit, and asks leave to get three or four more. (10, No. 1694.)

1735.—29 Aug., 1702. **Charles Reve**, Blofield, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is surprised at Le Neve's letter about the pension the gentleman of N. Coll. demands out of his Stratton living. Would be glad to know if the pension has ever been paid by those ministers presented by the Duke of Norfolk. Does not like to bring a perpetual incumbrance upon his successors without evidence for it, but if they will give him the reasons why they demand this pension, he will at once pay the money. (15, No. 2690.)

1736.—5 Sept., 1702. **Same to Same.**

"Being glad to discourse you more upon the Oxford subject," will meet Le Neve at Norwich this day se'nnight, or any other time Le Neve may appoint.

Le Neve MSS. 1737.—8 Sept., 1702. **Sir Horatio Pettus**, Rackheath, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Could not sell the mare at the fair; is sorry she is not capable of doing Pettus' work, but as he fairly bought her of Le Neve, without any jockeyship, for eight guineas, he sends the money, but hopes Le Neve will return two. Asks for a warrant for the maid and one for Chapman. When Pettus went to the house for the maid "they stood out that she was gone from thence about a fortnight; it is plain this is all knavery. On Saturday last Mr. Poolly came to me from Chapman, to desire me I would release the maid, he told Poolly she was fairly hired, upon this I told Poolly he would make a good witness for me, &c." (15, No. 2683.)

1738.—10 Sept., 1702. **Erasmus Earle** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Is willing to leave Dewing's business to arbitration, provided his acknowledgment be in as public a manner as his petition against Earle. Le Neve, or cousin Branthwaite and his counsel Britiffe might judge for both; "if that proposal be rejected, whoever is the arbitrator must give me leave to produce a witness or two to demonstrate the villainous usuage I have had from him." (16, No. 2988.)

1739.—12 Sept., 1702. **Joseph** and **Hannah Hayton**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

They got safe to their journey's end; and thank Le Neve for the honours he did them in the country. They send service to Mrs. Isabella and Mrs. Hen., to Mr. Looker, to both Mrs. Londons and to Sir John. Mrs. Hayton delivered the things Mrs. Margaret London sent by her. Mr. John gives his humble duty to Le Neve and his godfather, with his love to his sisters, his service to his Cousins London and to Mr. Looker. Mr. Looker [jun.] gives his duty to his father. (15, No. 2694.)

1740.—26 Sept., 1702. **J. Fremoult** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"Madam Norris having sent to me for £6 which became due to her the 2nd of Feb. last, as a year's interest of £100, I hope you'll excuse this trouble given you." (15, No. 2685.)

1741.—1 Oct., 1702. **Sir Horatio Pettus**, Rackheath, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Sir Horatio promised to leave the money for the mare at Mrs. Pratten's; but he wished first to acquaint Le Neve she is quite lame, and the day after she came she could hardly stir. Will Le Neve take the horse back, or charge six instead of eight guineas for her? Asks for a warrant for the maid, and repeats what he said in a former letter. [See *ante*, No. 1737.] Pettus thought Mr. Hellwise behaved very oddly in the matter. (15, No. 2684.)

1742.—6 Oct., 1702. **Robert Mann**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent 7½ yards of grey cloth, which is sufficient for the liveries. (10, No. 1699.)

1743.—24 Oct., 1702. **Sir Horatio Pettus**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent to enquire out young Shaw, but he will not be in town for two days; and as soon as the powder-horns are finished, he'll send

them to Mrs. Pratten's. "Sir, as a friend and relation, I make bold to borrow your gardener." Has about one hundred and fifty trees to plant, and to remove some that were planted last year. "How like you the Queen's speech? I heard her deliver it like an angel. Coals here are £1. 19*s.* per chalder. Pray send me plainer directions about your horns, for old Shaw can't tell what to make of your note, and I can't instruct him therein. Write very plain, so that he can't err, for me, at Sir Thos. Mere's, in Bloomsbury Square. Shaw has two sons work with him by the Horse Guards." (15, No. 2754.)

1744.—31 Oct., 1702. **Robert Mann** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Was surprised to find by Le Neve's note that he had not received the cloth, which was sent a month since. Finds, on enquiry, it was taken to Holt. Let Le Neve send his man to Mr. Henry Hall's, an inn near the Market Place in Holt, and he will find it was left there by Minns, the Norfolk carrier. Is very sorry about it. (10, No. 1700.)

1745.—9 Nov., 1702. **Thomas Lubbock**, Witchingham, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Darsham Hall [Suff.] "To be left at Sir John Rouse's, Henham."

Paid the money at Norwich, where "these" letters came to his hand, with the packet of news, which he did not think worth sending. Mr. Herne's man came yesterday for some of the hounds, but Lubbock will not give him any without orders from Le Neve. Does Le Neve want four casements or two in the new windows? (15, No. 2698.)

1746.—14 Nov., 1702. **Sir Horatio Pettus**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, "at the Lady Knyvet's, Darsham [Suff.] Frank: Thos. Mere's, Suffolk."

On receiving Le Neve's letter he went at once to Shaw, who understands well what to do with the flasks. They will be finished before Tuesday. "Col. Knyvet's son is at Portsmouth, and I am plagued to death with letters. He is well, and was before Cadiz, though not before Vigo, but is going there in a short time, I thank God." My service to all at Henham, "particularly Jo." (15, No. 2755.)

1747.—17 Nov., 1702. **Tim. Ganning** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham [Suff.]

Cannot find anything due from Lady Knyvet in his book. In April, 1701, Le Neve paid him £5. 10*s.* on her ladyship's account, and there is nothing more. (10, No. 1701.)

1748.—17 Nov., 1702. **John Millecent**, Bishop's Stortford [Herts], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has been ill since he was entertained at Witchingham. He met Peter at Borne Bridge [Camb.], and old and young Theoph. T. T., Cousin Wiseman, Har. Harrison, and Sutton. "Sutton has buried his wife in one way, as poor Mrs. Flack has her husband Jack another; who was laid into the ground last Wednesday after a two day's dozing fever, which took him on Thursday, after dinner (being as well as ever he was in his life in the morning), and died Sunday, 8 in the morning, having before marriage, by the instigation of the old man (who being an attorney I will not call),"——[paper torn] "made a will and left him sole executor, that the poor widow, who brought so much goods and plate, has only her cloak to her back." Le Neve must not have

Le Neve MSS. hopes of a boy at Newmarket; Millecent, who lives so near, has to look after his own horse. As he is ill, Le Neve must not expect any beagles or send Christ. Layer.

[P.S.] 19 Nov., London. Fearing this letter might miscarry, Millecent brought it here with him. Peter is well. (10, No. 1704.)

1749.—19 Nov., 1702. **Sir Horatio Pettus**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham [Suff.] Frank: Edm. Bacon.

"The night before you receive this, I do suppose you will have received your two flasks to your liking. I am no judge of the work, but think it neat, though dear enough." Sent his servant with them to the Yarmouth coach, and delivered them to the coachman himself, who promised to leave them at Yoxford [Suff.] on Friday, with orders to be sent forthwith to Darsham. "The enclosed is your expense: .... since they are gone I believe you'll want a string to one of them." (15, No. 2756.)

1750.—25 Nov., 1702. **Thomas Lubbock**, Witchingham, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Darsham [Suff.]

Has "upt" two brace of swans. Mr. Neve of Ringland asked if Lubbock had "upt" a brace for him; Lubbock said he would ask Le Neve. Mr. Nowls and his man are gone for three or four days, but expect to finish in a week. "The buttons are found; the trees from London are planted .... the waggons missed coming on Tuesday, therefore know nothing from Lynn." Mr. Bell of Witchingham wants Le Neve to buy a fat hog of him. "The pond is within two days of being thrown out, &c." (15, No. 2699.)

1751.—30 Nov., 1702. **Same** to **Same**, Sir John Rouse's, Henham. "By Beccles post, 2*d*."

Encloses letters. "If we knew what locks you please to have set on the new wainscot doors they might have been put on before Mr. Nowls went away." Has no account from Lynn. "Mr. Neve of Ringland thinks it too late to fat swans." (15, No. 2696.)

1752.—30 Nov., 1702. **Tim. Ganning**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Sir John Rouse's, Suffolk.

"Yours received this day, and find by my books the four tabberetts and large mat are put to your account." (10, No. 1703.)

1753.—3 Dec., 1702. **Sir Horatio Pettus** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham [Suff.] "Frank: Edm. Bacon."

Is concerned at Le Neve's disappointment about the flasks. "Greater villains (than coachmen) does not live. Pettus' boy Harry delivered the flasks to the coachman himself, and gave him a shilling, his name was William Barwick, who went no further than Newmarket; there he delivered them to the coachman of the Yarmouth coach, whose name is Robert Jervis, who always baits at Yoxford. The workman would not abate one farthing for the flasks. He said the springs were broken and not worth mending. Le Neve may take his own time in paying Pettus back the money. Hearty respects and service to my friend John, and give him the enclosed." (15, No. 2756a.)

1754.—7 Dec., 1702. **Thomas Lubbock**, Witchingham, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Sir John Rouse's, Henham, Suffolk.

Has sent, "as we suppose, what you wrote for; but your hard word posed us all. Mr. Goshe has sent a couple of hounds, which he says

were the cream of the confederate pack. Esther Buck's mother is dead; and her father came to me to desire I might send her word that he would have her come home to keep his house, which I told him would be her ruin .... Your rooms are finished, so far as they can be before your return. Mr. Knowls is gone home, but has left his man to make two doors, one for the lodging-room and one for the little closet in the passage. I hope they will be all fit for your reception by latter end of this week." Expects the pond will be finished this week." (15, No. 2697.)

1755.—9 Dec., 1702. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has been to Cambridge about a return of near a £100; by pressing got the money, but for the future will take care about making returns that are not paid beforehand. Jack Flack's father has refused to administer. Flack was in debt, and had given his wife a bond of £1000, to add £50 per ann. to her jointure. (10, No. 1705.)

1756.—22 Dec., 1702. **Robert Mann**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Begs pardon for not writing sooner, and thanks Le Neve "for your ordering of my money." (10, No. 1702.)

1702-3.

1757.—2 Feb., 1702-3. **Erasmus Earle**, to Cousin **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Nat is uneasy at being obliged to go to Mr. Pove [?] as coachman, and wants to live with Earle. Earle does not like a gentleman meddling with another's servant, and thinks Nat would do much better by speaking himself; but he would not be satisfied without Earle wrote to Le Neve, asking him to assist him. (16, No. 2989.)

1758.—29 Feb., 1702-3. **Thomas Lubbock**, Witchingham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Sir John Gawdy's, West Harling. "To be left at Lallingford by London post. With care and speed."

The day Le Neve left Witchingham, Goodman Bear came to speak about the farm at Welborne. He wanted to be discharged of his bargain. "His apologies were that his wife was too old to undertake so much dairy, and his son found too little plough ground; but I perceived the main of the matter was to get leave to plough up part of the Close next the Common. Last Thursday I went a fishing to Lyng, and drew only the out-lode pool and the dam, and took about two bushels of fish in the pool; and the last draught, in the dam next the mill gates, I took up, by the fairest computation, twenty bushels, and some say twenty-four; most of them roach, a few dear" [dare or dace] "and a brace of pretty long bream; so that all Ling and Witchingham, both rich and poor, had a plenty. I put into the pond four brace of very good pike, and the bream, and a leace" [leash?] "of perch, with about half a bushel of flat fish. There was, at the taking them, five or six gentlemen of and about Ling, and gave to each of them a brace of small jacks. Captain Earle was expected there every day. Tickler is come home." Lubbock has been ill ever since fishing day. (15, No. 2686.)

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1759.—18 Mar., 1702-3. **Edward L'Estrange**, Mileham, to **Capt. Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"I acquainted you before the last Sessions at Norwich, that the Lord Lieutenant had ordered that the respective Captains should renew and complete their Muster Rolls against twelfth sessions last, and then to have them confirmed by the Deputy-Lieutenants, and to leave a duplicate of their said muster rolls with me, for his lordship's use, fairly written in parchment." Those who did not bring their muster rolls to be confirmed last sessions, must bring them at Easter Sessions next. All from Mileham present hearty services, &c. (15, No. 2703.)

1760.—23 Mar., 1702-3. **William Newman** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is sorry he was not at home when Le Neve's obliging letter came to Baconsthorpe. Will visit him on Tuesday next. Endorsed: "Mr. Newman's letter about dining with me Tuesday in Easter week." (15, No. 2705.)

1703.

1761.—6 April, 1703. **M. London** to **Mr. Sanford.**

Sends "my cousin's" [Mrs. Le Neve] order for £10, and desires to have it sent by the bearer, "Brother Smith." (15, No. 2728a.)

1762.—21 April, 1703. **Robert Hartstongue** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

If Le Neve wants a servant, Hartstongue can recommend the bearer for an honest industrious lad. (15, No. 2729.)

1763.—25 May, 1703. **John Millecent**, Barham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Was yesterday at Newmarket to hire a horse, but saw none he liked. Mr. Harrison spied Jack coming, with "my old friend Cradle," who carried Millecent back. When Jack Brady was in London, he went to see for the great pad and the black one, "and it seems the pretty black one was bought, as soon as we were gone out of the yard the second time, by a farrier (for a master of his), who stood at the gate while we went there, in great fear we should buy him, thinking him so extraordinary a horse, and so extraordinary a pennyworth, &c. . . . But no more of this melancholy story, as I may well call it, for I can nowhere get a horse tolerable fit for me." Saw one yesterday, strong, and a fine goer, but "confounded ugly," a white head, eight years old, and twelve guineas, so would not meddle. Has had a melancholy letter from Peter. His wife is ill, and confined to her chamber, and Sir Harry declared Garter. No other alterations yet. Service to "my good cousin," pretty Mrs. Grey, honest Gyles, and Will. Luker. Mr. Harrison is "your humble servant, and hoped you would have sent the recipe for a film of an eye; and I thought Mr. Oliver would always be as good as his word in sending my book back." (10, No. 1707.)

1764.—1 June, 1703. **Same** to **Same.**

Thanks Le Neve for his great care in returning *a* book, but is apt to think he made a wilful mistake in sending the life of that glorious Monarch King William, instead of his own, on mathematics. Will take care to return as soon as possible "the great treasure of that renowned history." Will send a note to Mr. Sanford for £50, according

to Le Neve's commands. "Harry is much yours. Your horses have long since been in the fens. A lad or boy to do what you would have is not to be got." (10, No. 1706.)

1765.—3 June, 1703. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is glad the things left with him came safely to Le Neve at last. Has sent a screen that was ordered. "There are two lions' figures in Paul's Churchyard, and both of the same trade; and both said you had been with them." Has sent the one most like what Le Neve wrote about; Southgate, the carrier, has taken it. Rose would like to hear from Le Neve if it is the right one as soon as possible, as he has not yet paid for it. (12, No. 2082.)

1766.—10 June, 1703. **Same to Same.**

Le Neve not having received his last letter [see *ante*, No. 1765], he repeats what he said in it about the screen. It cost £4, and was sent by Southgate, the carrier, who "inns" at the Green Dragon in Bishopgate Street. Will send the cloak bag. Is afraid Peter [his man] has lost Le Neve's buckle, if so, Rose will make it good. (12, No. 2083.)

1767.—20 June, 1703. **Charles Haman**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Did not receive the first letter Le Neve refers to. Desires the glass frame sent, as he wants the exact length and breadth. Is it for a "fore" glass or a door? Knows nothing about the holes in the cloth which Le Neve mentioned. When he gets the frame he will do it without fail, and send it with the bar and the cloth. (15, No. 2722.)

1768.—31 July, 1703. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has received the £5. Could not get anything abated for the damage done the screen in the carying down. Has the receipt for the £4. 10*s*., and the 10*s*. left shall be paid as Le Neve orders. Drank Le Neve's health last week with Capt. Millecent and Mr. Peter Le Neve. Service to Mr. Bladwell and Mr. Robinson. (12, No. 2084.)

1769.—31 July, 1703. **Henry Davy** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

John Ellis has lived with him a year, and he is very honest, and will give good content. (9, No. 1524a.)

1770.—8 Aug., 1703. **John Millecent**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Peter will return to the country with him. Setting is just coming in, the only sport in a field Peter can enjoy, "tho' he says he believes he shall be little at it, being so devout a person he intends to be altogether in the chapel, where he lays his papers." As to our living here, I suppose Chriss. has told you of it. Mr. Sanford will repay the £50 upon Le Neve's order. (10, No. 1731.)

1771.—9 Aug., 1703. **Sm. Fleetwood** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

His neighbour Earle told Fleetwood that Le Neve had some writings concerning Irmingland, Hasting's Hall, and Whitefoot. He would be thankful for them, supposing they belonged to him, because some part of his estates goes by those names. "Lady Smith held

LE NEVE MSS. this estate a long time, in jointure, so writings are scattered, and she was blind a long time, but, I believe these writings might come into the Knyvet's hands by Sir Nathaniel Bacon, who married Sir Owen's mother, who was trustee for the sons, one of whose co-heirs was a Knyvet." (16, No. 2991.)

1772.—28 Aug., 1703. **Same** to **same.**

Sends his servant, William Gogney, for the writings. "Do you meet with any writings that concern my estate at Burrough Castle, near Yarmouth, in Suff." (16, No. 2990.)

1773.—6 Sept., 1703. **Robert Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Monsey's cousin in Warwickshire, who has a right to part of his cousin Messenger's estate, has written to Sir Jacob Astley asking him to receive from Monsey the dividends of the timber money, "upon which I went on Monday with my cousin Brese to wait on Sir Jacob, but he was gone to Sir Ch. Turner's; he does not go to London till next week." There is an attorney named Bromwich who will meet Sir Jacob in London, and whom Monsey's cousin is ruled by. Will Le Neve write to Sir Jacob asking him to engage Bromwich in Monsey's behalf, that his cousin may be encouraged to sell him his reversion. Monsey's end in buying is to prevent trouble and disputes hereafter, &c. (10, No. 1698).

1774.—11 Sept., 1703. **Sir John Rous** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has received a warrant for a buck from Elmham, please tell Mr. Knights to kill one "as fair as he can" on Friday, which Sir John will send for. On Monday week he will have Mr. Bence "and your most obedient servant" from Cockfield, with many more. (2, No. 358.)

1775.—14 Sept., 1703. **Charles Fuller** [first letter torn] —artin, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The beagles were all sent according to order. Mr. Croshele discoursed with the boy about waiting on Le Neve. He does not mind being so far from home, but prefers a trade to service. (15, No. 2730.)

1776.—18 Sept., 1703. **G. Fetherstonhaugh,** Bintree, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Sir Jacob Astley designing to visit Le Neve on Monday next, has ordered Fetherstonhaugh to enquire whether he will be at home. (15, No. 2733.)

1777.—23 Sept., 1703. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Begs Le Neve to make an award between Claxton, Esq., and Seyton, before the 1st of October, else the time will be elapsed. Hopes he thinks debt was fully proved both by evidence and Mr. Claxton's confessions, "if so, the charges in consequence follow (a bill of which I left with you at our meeting.") Will wait on Le Neve at Norwich, on Saturday, if he will be there. "What you think fit to allow out of the wages, either for ill-manners or loss of time, shall be willingly submitted to." (15, No. 2731.)

1778.—12 Oct., 1703. **John Tollis**, Weston, to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS.
"Leave this with Mr. Terre at Lunwade Bridge, to be sent."

This being the third Court Leet Tollis has kept for Le Neve since they accounted, he hastens his extract, that those who are in fault may be punished at once. "Balden's Bridge have been presented several times, but still no amendment; and as for Swanington Leets, I believe, let them alone a little longer, and not one man of the town will appear to do his service." A sharp bailiff had better be employed, but care must be taken concerning Tho. Beare and Edm. Bayfield, because they may be 60 a-piece, and are excused by the Statute. (15, No. 2724.)

1779.—16 Oct., 170[3?] **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham, Suffolk.

Will send down the looking-glass for Sir John Gawdy as ordered. Wishes Le Neve had told him where the carrier lies that is to carry the glass down. Has not got an apprentice: is ashamed to trouble Le Neve about such an affair. "It is customary to give £40 to a hatter, but, if I could have a honest diligent boy, I'd take £30 or £25, and be obliged to teach him both trades." (12, No. 2144.)

1780.—28 Oct., 1703. **Charles Haman**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Will be glad to serve Le Neve or his friend. Four harnesses of the best leather, with eight "housin" pieces of brass, and four two-story tops, will be £12. Cheaper are made, but he would not put such into Le Neve's hands. When Le Neve writes, let him say what colours he would have the top. (15, No. 2723.)

1781.—2 Nov., 1703. **Luke Singleton**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. "To be left at the Post-house, Norwich."

A fleet has brought in some sturgeon; will send some according to order. Is promised a barrel of codfish when it comes in. Wine is very dear if good; would like to know the sort Le Neve desires. (12, No. 2085.)

1782.—7 Nov., 1703. **John Millecent**, Cambridge, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has been ill. Is here on business, as Pemble has paid him "so rascally a trick as not to come to him. Please write to Mr. Sanford as you are willing to pay the £50 to Mr. Shales and the £5 paid at Ely for your pot." (10, No. 1733.)

1783.—11 Nov., 1703. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent the hat, which he hopes will please. "I went into the Strand to my Lady Bedingfield's, who put the parcel, this morning, in a passport box, which I could not so well get into the hat box, and my wife saying it would go down as well in that, I put it in; it is sent by one Southgate, "a carrier." Thinks he has a lad that will make a good apprentice. (12, No. 2086.)

1784.—18 Nov., 1703. **Charles Haman**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Darsham Hall, Suffolk.

Has received no answer to his letter [see *ante*, No. 1780] which makes him fear it has miscarried. (15, No. 2725.)

NEVE MSS. 1785.—16 Dec., 1703. **John Millecent**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

After a tedious illness has arrived in town, not without difficulty. He got to Jack Turner's, but broke two axletrees of his carriage in a furlong, and at last it had to be carried to Bishop's Stortford [Herts] in a dung cart; "false heraldry, muck to muck." Jacky is well, but fear I cannot get down with the poor rogue till the Tuesday after Christmas, being about taking advice and physic .... and Pemble having like a rogue left me of a sudden .... I shall let you know when we go down, for I hope the S. will go with me. There is bad apprehensions of some of the ill consequences [that] may happen by the Lords throwing out the bill [against occasional conformity], and had they not the same would have been on the other side. The Prince was not there, which makes it known how the Queen was affected, yet Lord Marlborough spoke for it." Lord Gord. "my master" did not like it this time, though he has before. "You see how we juggle," &c. (10, No. 1708.)

1786.—22 Dec., 1703. **Geo. Murray** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Thanks Le Neve for his goodness to him, and his kind and generous promises. Has at last obtained a warrant from the Lord Treasurer in his favour. Has hopes that, by the assistance of friends, he may obtain his liberty. Begs Le Neve to influence his friends at Reepham. [See *ante*, No. 1607.] (15, No. 2726.)

1787.—25 Dec., 1703. **John Millecent**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Hopes to be at Barham "with my dear little charge" this day se'nnight; Mall will take care of him. "As for news, the public prints tell you more than I can." Service "to my good cousin," Will. Luker, Mrs. Chriss., and Gyles. Has just received Le Neve's letter; will obey as to Jacky. "Your horses as well as mine, are certainly stole, for a poor horse was left in their room." (10, No. 1709.)

1788.—30 Dec., 1703. **Erasmus Earle** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Recommends the bearer as a proper person to undertake mason's work. Earle brought him four miles off, to settle him near him. (16, No. 2933.)

CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCUMENTS

RELATING TO THE FAMILY OF

OLIVER LE NEVE,

OF WITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK,

From 1704 to 1707.

1703-4.

1789.—20 Jan., 1703-4. **Luke Singleton,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve.** "To be left at Mrs. Prattant's, Grocer, in Norwich." LE NEVE MSS.

Has sent a hogshead of wine and two barrels of sturgeon. Hopes Mrs. Prattant has taken care of them. (12, No. 2089.)

1790.—25 Jan., 1703-4. **Same** to **Same.**

Is sorry Le Neve has not received the hogshead of wine. "It was put on board the *John and James* of Yarmouth, Lancelot Haslope, Master; it was not put into another cask, for coasting vessels: I do not think there is the hazard as in other ships, and it is very usual to send them without double cask." The ship may be at Harwich. Has written to Mr. Moore, Surveyor, of Yarmouth, to desire to see about its being sent to Norwich. (12, No. 2087.)

1791.—5 Feb., 1703-[4?]. **Thomas Lubbock,** Witchingham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** at Sir John Gawdy's, West Harling.

"I received yours of the 4th. The ash you mentioned is down, with four more; the mare is much better, but not in a condition for your service; the hogshead of wine is come home, with some trouble, but without damage; the painter has finished the work according to order; Underwood is doing the necessaries of tiling. Mr. Lorme died yesterday morning. Mrs. Thacker's ague was gone, but is returned upon her. I have set out most of the tenant's covenant wood, according to your order. All things are safe at home." (15, No. 2727.)

1792.—24 Feb., 1703-4. **Charles Middleton,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

His father is so ill with a pleurisy that he writes instead. Sends the account [as below]. Le Neve has credit for all till last quarter, excepting Aylmer and Clarke, who promise to pay in a little while. The balance now due is £42. 13*s.* 11*d.* (15, No. 2734.)

Oliver Le Neve, Esq., is Dr.

1703.		£.	s.	d.
Nov. 29.	To the balance of his account, sent him this day ..	14	13	3
Dec. 1.	To cash paid his order to the bearer, paid it to Tho. Reves	8	0	0
Jan. 8.	To cash paid his brother Peter, as by his receipt	5	0	0
,, 20.	To cash paid Mrs. Hart, by his order	8	14	0
Feb. 12.	To cash paid Mr. Singleton, for 1 hhd. of wine, £15. 11*s.*; and two caggs of sturgeon, £1. 16*s.*, in all as by his receipt	17	7	0

Per contra is Cr.

1703.		£.	s.	d.
Dec. 11.	By cash received of Mr. Aylemore, one quarter, due Sept. 29, after £3. 10*s.* for taxes and the 2nd vol. of my calendaring book 25*s.* [?], deducted, received	12	15	0
Jan.	By cash received of Mr. Whereham, 2qrs. 28lbs. sugar, rent due Dec. 25; after £3. 9*s.*, for half year's tax, deducted, received	13	19	0

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Oliver Le Neve, Esq., is Dr.

1703.		£.	s.	d.
	To cash paid Mr. Hayton for a quarter of a year's board of his son and his disbursements, as per his account and receipt .. .	8	17	4
	To one's year's allowance for receiving your rents, ending Christmas last	15	0	0
		£77	11	7

Per contra is Cr.

1703.		£.	s.	d.
	By cash received by a bill of Execution on Mr. Godfrey ..	5	0	0
Feb. 8.	By received of Mr. Free three quarters' rent, from 25 Mar., 1703, to Dec. 25, and 15 lb. of sugar. Rent, after £2. 8s. for half-year's tax deducted ..	16	7	0
	By received of Mr. Smith 1 qr. 15 lb. sugar, due Dec. 25 ..	6	15	0
	By received of Mr. Crips, by Chapman, one quarter, due Dec. 25 ..	6	0	0
,, 9.	By received of Mr. Alling, one quarter, due Sept. 25, after £4. 10s. taxes and £2. 2s. 6d. for coffee sent Sir John Gawdy deducted, received	15	17	6
	By received of Mr. Payne, one quarter, due Dec. 25; after 34s. tax deducted, received ..	6	15	0
,, 12.	By received of Mr. Parker £19, due Dec. 25, and 15 sugar. Rent, after £3 tax deducted, received ..	12	15	0
	By received of Mrs. Milner, one quarter, due Dc. 25; after 38s. tax deducted	7	12	0
	By received of Mrs. Dent, on Mr. Hatley's account, one quarter, due Dec. 25	13	15	0
	By received of Mr. Tersham, on account of Mr. Hatley, two quarters, due Dec. 25; after allowing him 12s. for paving his yard, received ..	2	14	0
	Balance due to you, this 24 Feb., 1703-4 ..	42	13	11
		£120	5	6
		£120	5	6

Endorsed: "Mr. Sanford's account for Christmas Quarter, 1703." [In another hand] "London rents." (15, No. 2734.) LE NEVE MSS.

1793.—24 Feb., 17[03-4]. **M. London,** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham. Free: Edmd. Bacon.

George is engaged, and had promised to go before she had "my dear cousin's" first letter about him. Mr. de Grey sends his service; he does not well remember the dog Le Neve speaks of in his letter; if she matches his, let Le Neve send her to Merton. The ribbon for "my dear cousin" will come next week, by Mrs. Palgrave. Has not seen Mr. or Mrs. Le Neve since she wrote. "Love, as due, to my dearest sister. Pardon all faults: I'm so cold, I can't feel, but am just alive enough to tell you I am your humble servant, &c." Service to the young ladies and Mr. Looker. (15, No. 2738.)

1794.—1 Mar., 1703-4. **G. Cutting,** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham. "Give this to himself; and bring me an answer, if he please to write a line to me."

Has received enclosed from "your brother. My tenant Wegg is to be your tenant for the land from Michaelmas last, and for the 'Mannor?' I have conveyed to [uses?], so I am no tenant to you, nor you to me. I would sell Wegg's farm, if I could meet with a good chapman. Mr. Freeman of Reepham and Mr. Layer are also of the jury." Has something to inform Le Neve of if he knew when he would be at Norwich. (16, No. 2994.)

1795.—4 Mar., 1703-4. **Luke Singleton,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham. "To be left at Mrs. Prattant's, Grocer, Norwich."

Has received the money for the wine and sturgeon from Mr. Sandford. Sends a barrel of codfish by Nath. Dobson, master of the *Norwich Recorder*. It cost, with the charge of putting on board, £2. 11*s*. Hopes it will arrive quickly. (12, No. 2088.)

1796.—7 Mar., 1703-4. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Was yesterday with some friends who would be glad to see Le Neve; Mr. Parham and Tom Gench. Some one asked him to enquire of Le Neve how Jack Bladwell was, and in what circumstances. Service to Mrs. Le Neve, Chris., Will. Luker, and Gyles. "I could heartily wish you could see how Harry Harrison and I are mounted, though we make little use of them. No news of poor Cradle can ever be expected, that they were stole we are assured of." (10, No. 1710.)

1797.—14 Mar., 170[3]-4. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham. "To be left at Mr. Alderman Havers', near the Red Well in Norwich."

Should have written last week but the saddler disappointed him. Has sent a saddle, a pair of stirrup irons, and four skins, by Suggett's waggon. The saddle came to 25*s*., besides the box and the skins to 10*s*. Has sent a couple of old lings "which I hope you will accept. I cannot have a dozen of knives and forks under 40*s*., without any silver about them." Hopes Le Neve will send word about them. "I am glad to hear by Mrs. Margaret London, that the lady has escaped so great a danger with so little harm. Mr. Le Neve [Peter?] has

NEVE MSS. been very ill ever since I came to town, and is not so well yet as to go abroad. Mr. Rose presents his service to you, and thanks you for the token you sent him, as likewise does my brother Godfrey and sister. Master and Miss are very well." (4, No. 695.)

1798.—16 Mar., 1703-4. **Same** to **Same.**

All well in town except Mr. Le Neve, who cannot yet go abroad. Had sent the seeds before Le Neve's letter arrived. Will pay the ten guineas as soon as he has orders: as yet he does not know where to find Mr. Morey. "You was so kind to send me word of the loss of a [horn?], but I cannot make out what horn it is, but the sea is the best cure to prevent it going any further." Humble service to Sir John Rouse and his lady, Madam Le Neve, &c. Direct to Mr. Godfrey's in King Street, near Golden Square, St. James'. (4, No. 694.)

1799.—18 Mar., 1703-4. **Cha. Middleton,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"Yours to my father Sandford, of 28th February last, came to hand in course; on Thursday was seven night he departed this life, much lamented by all that knew him .... The balance of your account has not yet been demanded by your brother. My father has left what he had to my wife and our children, and settled it on trustees for their use, and has made the trustees executors of his will, and next week I shall send you a discharge to execute, which you may return to your brother, who will (upon giving up that discharge to the trustees) receive your money, which I presume will be paid by me. Here was a penny post letter from Mr. B. Mott to my father, that his money was ready, but I would not receive it, so you will please appoint some proper person to collect your rents for the time to come." (15, No. 2728.)

1800.—22 Mar., 1703-4. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Returned last Friday from London, "whither I went to see poor Peter and settle some affairs with him, who I found as he had writ me word very ill, but last Saturday received a letter from him of his being much better; and then going to Bow I found great disorders upon the account of his too great acquaintance with a person you and I talked of when last we were together, and I fear not without a thorough cause. I lay at Tom Rose's, where I met Jack Rous, who sent a false [Rain?] to Gyles Bladwell in a hat from Tom's. I expected no better character of his brother. Will. Looker I saw not. The things of burden I meant in my last were a gelding of mine and mare of Harry's, and though both very plain, yet we envy not many masters of the same sort of cattle, and I cannot but let you know that both he and I think that there is in our neighbourhood such a useful gelding for you as you can scarce find again in England: he is not handsome, nor ugly, prodigiously strong, right sound we are sure, and we see him carry fourteen stone to my hounds three quarters, hunting with much ease, but the owner refuses to part with him, though I doubt not the prevalency of money." (10, No. 1711.)

1801.—23 Mar., 1703-[4]. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has sent the screen to Erasmus Earle, by the Norwich waggon. Hurst is the carrier. Has also sent a hat to Mr. Bladwell, which has been charged to Le Neve's account, according to order. Mr. Looker has been with Rose. "To-morrow we are to drink your kind token you sent." (12, No. 2081.)

1802.—23 Mar., 1703-4. **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS.

When Le Neve has resolved upon turning the waters, Earle will wait upon him at the first summons. Fears the late rains have made them too high. "I hear nothing of the screen as yet." (16, No. 2992.)

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1803.—28 Mar., 1704. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has received Le Neve's letter telling him of Mr. Sanford's death, and offering him the place as agent, to receive the rents. Accepts the offer, and when the letter of attorney is sent, will account as Le Neve shall direct him. Saw "your brother" this morning, who is pretty well recovered. Service to Mdm. Le Neve, Mr. Bladwell, and Mr. Robinson. Mr. Looker was with him this evening. (12, No. 2091.)

1804.—30 Mar., 1704. **John Millecent,** Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Laments as much as anybody the imputation "poor Peter" lies under. Has used all his endeavours, but to no purpose; when Peter was sick, he gave Millecent a letter to deliver, in which he was sure there was one for "her". Has got a chaise for him, and fancies Peter thinks a Norfolk horse would go best in it. The owner refuses to sell the horse Millecent wrote to Le Neve about, though he was bid twenty guineas for it. "I begin my fourth receipt to-morrow, at Newmarket, and shall not end it till the 22nd, at Ely, and before we have sorted our money it will [be] May," but hopes to be with Le Neve either Easter week or the week after. (10, No. 1712.)

1805.—30 Mar., 1704. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has payed the ten guineas to Mr. Morey, who was much overjoyed, and gives thousands of thanks. "The knives will not be ready to come down till next week, when you shall not fail of them and the corks, and the buckles and plaster I will bring with me, and a sword, and pray let Mrs. London know that I have sent her gown and petticoat and two pairs of gloves in a box of Mr. Dewin's." It was sent to-day. Mr. Le Neve "looks sorely." Master Johnny and Miss are well, and send their duties. Mr. Rous stayed but one night, "so that I did not see him, neither did his maid"; but he left word for Looker to buy a gun for Sir Horis [Horace?]. Did not see Mr. Millecent, because he understood he would be leaving by eight o'clock the morning after his arrival. Hopes it will not be long before he sees "sweet Witchingham." "There is some report the Queen Dowager is dead, so that I would fain know before I leave London, for if it please God she should be dead, it could not be a better time for me than now that I am in town." Is sorry to hear of Mr. Reade's death, but is glad Le Neve has his dog, and laments the loss of Cattor. Sends service to all. (4, No. 696.)

1806.—3 April, 1704. **Erasmus Earle** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Sorry he is prevented from enjoying Le Neve's company, "though but at the riverside." Hopes to see his Witchingham friends "here" next week when Lady Hare comes. (16, No. 2996.)

1807.—4 April, 1704. **Same** to **Same.**

Thanks Le Neve for supplying them with fish at so barren a

LE NEVE MSS. time of the year, and when fish are most acceptable. Cannot pretend to keep them till Friday, but hopes the favour of his and his family's company at dinner that day. (16, No. 2997.)

1808.—5 April, 1704. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent the knives and forks this day, "with a box of tea which was sent to me, with twenty gross of the best corks .... I only wait to hear whether the Queen Dowager is dead or not, but we cannot hear till a mail comes from Portugal .... Mr. Le Neve is ill as yet, but hopes to get whole of it in a short time .... Mrs. London's cousin Frasey desires to be most heartily remembered to her." (4, No. 697.)

1809.—10 April, 1704. **John Rous, jnr.,** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has just returned from being with the hounds in the hundreds of Essex. Poor Charles left his strong horse lame behind him. The Ipswich plate is to be run the 2nd of May. (2, No. 392.)

1810.—18 April, 1704. **Charles Middleton,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

One of the Executors is out of town, or would have sent Le Neve a discharge to have executed before. Will expedite the matter. Will speak to the Executors that such papers relating to Le Neve's affairs that may be useful to him may be delivered to his brother. (15, No. 2740.)

1811.—21 April, 1704. **Richard Tasker**, Norwich, to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Recommends the bearer for a servant. He lived last with Capt. Scottow. (4, No. 698.)

1812.—24 April, 1704. **Robert Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"I have read over the two volumes of the history you were pleased to lend me, and have sent them to Mr. Robinson, as he told me you had given leave for me to do, and my wife having occasion to ask a favour of your lady I do also request the kindness of lending me the other parts of my Lord Clarendon's history, for according to the title, there must be a great share of it still behind. Sir, it shall be carefully used and returned." (10, No. 1713.)

1813.—25 April, 1704. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has received Le Neve's letter, and will bring down the blades and forks. Will be at Norwich the 2nd of May. Please send John Peart with the horse and a male pillion upon his horse to carry the trunk. Was yesterday at Bow, but did not see Mr. Le Neve. Master and Miss well. "Pray, Sir, let the horses come to John Parker's." (4, No. 699.)

1814.—5 May, 1704. **Charles Middleton,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"Inclosed is a discharge for to sign and seal, &c., which please let it be done before some persons of Norwich, whose hands are known in London: when done please to return it to your brother,

on receipt whereof the money shall be paid him and the papers relating to your affairs delivered him. You'll please remember to fill up the date of day and year before you sign, seal, and deliver." (15, No. 2741.)

1815.—12 May, 1704. **John Rous, Junr.**, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Begs Le Neve to let some "small officer" show the bearer the way to Yellow Jack. If Rous is not in Norfolk when his grey mare is taken to the stallion Flint, hopes Le Neve will see to her and lend him a guinea for Sir John's groom. "Sir Edmund Bacon is now at my back, swearing; we are going to shoot rooks at Baspools." (2, No. 387.)

1816.—3 June, 1704. **Ad. Meetkerke** to the **Rev. — Sacheverell,** Witchingham.

The college having referred "the whole affair" to Meetkerke, between Le Neve and themselves, Mr. Warden sent him Sacheverell's letter of the 26th May. Meetkerke sees therein that Sacheverell does not wish to disoblige Mr. Neve, but Mr. Neve has refused "it." He has given Mr. Neve a fortnight to consider of "it"; "and if he thinks fit to accept of it on the terms proposed, it shall be continued to him, but after that time shall treat no more with him about it." If Mr. Neve refuses it, it might be annexed to the vicarage. Does not wish to supplant Mr. Neve, but must know Sacheverell's resolution in fourteen nights. Write to him at Ruthden near Baldock in Hertfordshire. (16, No. 3074.)

[Oliver Le Neve's second wife, **Jane Knyvet**, died 19th June, 1704.]

1817.—21 June, 1704. **James Norris** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has sent three pair of fine black hose. Humbly begs Sir John to have a pair. Has sent six pairs of black buttons for sleeves. (15, No. 2742.)

1818.—21 June, 1704. **Tim Ganning,** Norwich, to **O. Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has given Mr. Starling orders to make Le Neve six paper and six buckram escutcheons more, and has spoken to Mr. Norris to send baize or cloth for the pulpit and desk. Young Starling will take the mourning up when he puts on the escutcheons. Is heartily sorry for Le Neve's loss. (10, No. 1717.)

1819.—22 June, 1704. **Thomas Rose** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Hopes Le Neve and Mr. Bladwell have received their hats, and also the swords and papers from "your brother, which I sent in Mr. Browne's box." Is much troubled to hear of Madam Le Neve's death. Is sorry to trouble him about business, but is pressed to it by a gentlewoman, who tells him Rose is to receive no more rent for Le Neve at Ram's Head, only the ground rent, and desires him to enclose "this account, which my man Peter copied from one given her from Mr. Sanford, or some belonging to him." Begs an answer. (12, No. 2092.)

LE NEVE MSS. 1820.—1 July, 1704. **R. Howman** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

"If you be oppressed in the stomach, please to take this vomit at three or four o'clock in the afternoon, drink posset ale half-an-hour after, and as it works, till it has wrought five or six times, then drink thin gruel made pretty salt, and lie down upon your bed; and when you dispose to rest, take twenty drops of liquid laudanum, if the vomit leaves you uneasy. Next day, or the day following, take the purge, drink thin broth, and keep in the cool. The purging powder may be given from a dram to twenty or fifteen grains, according to the age and strength of the patient, in a little beer and sugar or the like, and thin broth or posset ale after it, as after other purges." (10, No. 1719.)

1821.—1 July, 1704. **Thomas Rose** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has received Le Neve's gilt sword, which he is quite willing to take again, and has also received Sir John Gawdy's hilt. He will allow 5*s.* 1*d.* per ounce for it, which comes to £1. 12*s.* 3*d.* Pray direct me about the Ram's Head Inn. (12, No. 2093.)

1822.—2 July, 1704. **A. Meetkirke** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Condoles with him on his lady's death. As to the college, there would have been no dispute about the taxes if Le Neve had formerly thought as he does now, that the college should allow taxes for no more than they receive. "If you have no better quarter in the tax of your Manors than the college, I think you have hard measure, for though the quarter rents and pensions may amount to £22 per annum, the pensions are no part of the manor, and I cannot see how the quarter rents issuing out of other parishes can be chargeable in the assessment of Witchingham, but the great hardship the college complains of is that the quarter rents are charged in the assessment and the tenants deduct, by which means they pay double out of the same rent." Hopes this is not Le Neve's case. Is sensible frequent courts may be serviceable to the affairs of the manor. Will enquire at the college for Mr. Newson's papers, if Le Neve thinks they will make it easier for him to understand. Fears the business of double fees will never be got over. Thanks Le Neve for his confidence in him and for leaving the affair of the taxes to him, but would like to have his opinion. "Your leases cannot be sealed till about a month after Michaelmas (the time of the college audit), and, in the meantime, I hope all things will be so amicably fitted as may prevent all difficulty for the future." (15, No. 2748.)

1823.—6 July, 1704. **Cle. Herne** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Has been for some time concerned at "the divisions amongst ourselves." Means to do what he can for the future towards a better understanding. Is ready to attribute Mr. Helwise's actions rather to his zeal for the government than pique to "your kinsman . . . My Lord Paston is expected this night at Norwich . . . . . at my house and shall join with you to ease the town and Mr. Neve of that imposition . . . . without insisting upon that ceremony which indeed is due and ought to be performed to each other as Gentlemen . . . Next Monday . . . . at Aylsham, Mr. Helwise and myself are to officiate for Mr. Earle and Mr. Britiffe." (15, No. 2745.)

1824.—13 July, 1704. **Thomas Rose** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Has sent the mourning sword, and allowed the price of Sir John Gawdy's hilt. Hopes Le Neve has received the blue sword. Has charged but for one besides the blue sword, and has charged himself with the silver. Has received Mrs. Urling's account; as soon as she returns to town and meets "your brother" the account can be settled. Mrs. Rose and daughter are in Lincolnshire. Is about getting in the rents. Has received a bill of Mr. Monkoe of £5. 14*s.* 6*d.* If Le Neve orders payment when he writes, it shall be done as he orders.

		£.	*s.*	*d.*
June 26.	Received Sir John Gawdy's bill			
	6 ounces 7 dwts. at 5*s.* 1*d.* ..	1	12	3
	Gilt sword for Sir John Gawdy	1	2	6

(12, No. 2094.)

1825.—14 July, 1704. **R. Legard to Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"I received the ring you were pleased to send me as a remembrance of your dear Lady, deceased, and shall endeavour to preserve it to the last moment of my life." (4, No. 700.)

1826.—20 July, 1704. **John Millecent to Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Condoles with him on the loss of his wife. Should have written before, but did not wish to be too sudden. Must divert him a little by telling him some of his troubles. Millecent hears his predecessor "has put in a declaration against me, and laid it in Suffolk, not daring to do it here, for £200 damage; first, for £100 I had of him, who never had one farthing than for good, when out of kindness I took of his old Corverlines [?], &c., and for which I have several times offered him the money, but particular promising the Isle of Ely, which trick I have before told you of, and if you happen to be in Suffolk then, it might be a great consequence to assure the Jury that though you were my security, and trusted me, you would not him." (10, No. 1720.)

1827.—22 July, 1704. **Hen. Hevon**, Cresy [Lincolnshire], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Parts with his servant Smith about Michaelmas, as he winters with his family in London. Can recommend him. "He lived with my Lady Oldfield at Spalding, five miles from me in Lincolnshire." (16, No. 3072.)

1828.—22 July, 1704. **W. Smith**, Cresy [Lincolnshire], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. "To be left at the Half Moon Tavern in Norwich; to be sent with speed. By way of London, Norwich bag."

Is sorry Le Neve should think he has done "an ill thing." The time was agreed upon between his master and himself. Hopes his master's letter will give satisfaction [see *ante*, No. 1827]. Will endeavour to do his duty to Le Neve to the utmost of his power. Has heard good commendations of him and will think himself happy to come into "so sober a family." He keeps a mare and did so at Sir John's, but will dispose of her if Le Neve does not care about his keeping her. She is worth at least £10 or £12. Would have come himself, only he is obliged to be at the Northampton Assizes. Hopes

LE NEVE MSS. Le Neve will let his steward write to him. Direct it to him at Henry Hevon, Esq., Cresy Hall, near Spalding, Linc. If Le Neve agrees, Smith could come to him the 12 October, if God willing. (12, No. 2095.)

1829.—23 July, 1704. **M. London** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"Having made a resolution never to set a time for getting to my dearest sister any more to her, give you this trouble to beg the favour of your assistance to convey me from Norwich, where I hope to be on Wednesday night at Captain Palgrave's with Mrs. Green." Has wanted very much to be at Witchingham ever since she heard of Le Neve's affliction. Condoles with him. "The bell rings and I'm stayed for . . . . this Wednesday is the day." Dr. and Mrs. Green send their service. (15, No. 2749.)

1830.—29 July, 1704. **Joseph Hayton** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

He and his wife intend "to wait upon Mr. John down into the country." Regrets the loss of Mrs. Le Neve, but praises "His Almighty Goodness in still preserving a life so dear to all your children." Mr. John gives his duty. Master Looker gives his duty to his father, and desires Hayton to say that he and his uncle Godfrey are concerned at not hearing from him. "We design . . . . to set forth on our journey on Friday, August 10th." (15, No. 2750.)

1831.—5 Aug., 1704. **Same,** London, to **Same.**

Is sorry he did not write sooner and save Le Neve the trouble of a second letter. They have fixed to set forth Aug. 10th, as he mentioned in his last, "at which time you may expect the company of troublesome guests. Mr. John is wonderfully pleased with the approaching diversions he promises himself." (15, No. 2751.)

1832.—16 Aug., 1704. **Charles Hilton,** Newmarket, to **Mr. Jeffery Mann,** Bromesthorpe Hall, in Norfolk.

Was from home or would have answered before. Knows a boy, but he will not be under anybody. Is fit to take charge of the best horse in England,—does not drink or swear. Let Hilton know what wages and if a livery. "My most humble service to my colonel. I thank God we have killed all the French or most of them." [Alluding to the Duke of Marlborough's victory against the French and Bavarians.] (7, No. 1254.)

1833.—16 Aug., 1704. **R. Howman** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is glad Mr. Looker has had an easy night. Should drink posset ale to cleanse his stomach if he shows any disposition to vomit. "He may forbear the ebit. two hours before the time of his fit and five or six hours after. Our good news comes like an inundation that after so great a victory in Germany as the taking of Gibraltar is [*sic*] we should have credible reports of our [Colonel?] forcing the F lines in Flanders and taking the General prisoner; of some Dutch men-of-war destroying and taking the Dunkirk Squadron, and the Venetians declaring for the Allies, is extremely surprising." (10, No. 1721.)

1834.—17 Aug., 1704. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is sorry Le Neve thinks he reckons too much for the hats, and that the last was the worse. His wife and daughter cannot accept Le

Neve's kind invitation, as when they came out of Lincoln they went to Mr. Johnson's, at [Olney?], Bucks. Has received of all the tenants but the Ram's Head, "of whom I cannot receive till Mrs. Urlings comes from her Bath. . . . . and Mrs. Clarke in Aldersgate Street and Mr. Aylmer. I'll pay your £50 bill at sight." (12, No. 2096.) LE NEVE MSS.

1835.—25 Aug., 1704. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Could not let Le Neve know that he should not be at Ipswich, but desired Tom Gench to tell him, or else to ask Maurice Rendall to. Has been ill of the gout, "and have such an aversion to the eating turnips that I could [not?] live upon them if I was to have the Indies." Is hunting again, and longs to hear Le Neve is also. (10, No. 1723.)

1836.—28 Aug., 1704. **A. Meetkirke** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"Yours of the 18th inst. came to me yesterday, wherein I apprehend it to be your final resolution to repay but £20 of what you have received from the College (more than was their due to pay) for taxes, and that only on condition they will state the corn rent at a certain price, which I presume they cannot do by the 18th of Eliz., Cap. 6, otherwise I know not but they might close with you on that proposal, but the £20 will be thought to bear no proportion to what they apprehend to be their due, and I am confident they will not accept it. The proposal of £40 to be paid down, or £50 by subsequent taxes was only on condition that the former covenants remain the same, that all accounts be balanced before the sealing of the leases, and that you pay double fees for the renewal of them, they having been twice drawn, sealed, &c., therefore if you do not accept the whole proposal, the College will not be limited to the £40 or £50, if more shall be judged to be their due . . . I shall not go to Oxon till the 18th or 19th of next month, and if upon further consideration you think my proposal worth your acceptance I shall be glad to hear from you; if not, we have done with the lease of the tithes, &c." (15, No. 2752.)

1837.—7 Sept., 1704. **Charles Hilton**, Newmarket, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Did not write because Sir Francis Audrie promised to let Le Neve know about the young man. He will not be here till the horses come to Newmarket, the 14th inst. Does not question but he will please him. (7, No. 1253.)

1838.—8 Sept., 1704. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"Your glass is now cutting into squares"; will send it by return of the carrier. Called on Mr. Cuthbert; will pay him when he sends. Has paid Mr. Baradale, and has received Le Neve's bill for £10; will receive the money next week. When he goes to the Custom House will pay Mr. Singleton. Has received all the rents but Mr. Aylmer's and the Ram's Head Inn. (12, No. 2037.)

1839.—14 Sept., 1704. **Same** to **Same.**

Has sent the sixty squares of glass. Hopes it will arrive safely; it cost 10*d.* a square. Has not yet received the £10 bill, "though I have been three times for it; Mr. Owen, on whom it is drawn, says he hath

LE NEVE MSS. no effects in his hands . . . I heartily thank you for your token: we drank it at the Old Dogs, with your son, brother, and master, and Norfolk healths all round."

"P.S.—There is an express from Sir George Rooke that he hath burnt, sunk, and taken thirty French men-of-war." (12, No. 2103.)

1840.—15 Sept., 1704. **Ben. Thompson,** Yarmouth, to **Captain [Oliver] Le Neve.** "To be left at Mr. Thomas Havers', goldsmith in Norwich."

Has brought from Holland some new sturgeon, very good. It is 15*s.* a keg. Will Le Neve or his friends have some? Mr. Davy, Mr. Higgs, and Mr. Sanders are well. Mr. Wiggins is dead. (4, No. 701.)

1841.—16 Sept., 1704, **Joel Fremoult** to [ ].

It is convenient for him to keep "your" court upon Michaelmas Day, and he is removing his study and other matters. Has enclosed a warrant, but not the bond, for he intends to bring it with him sealed by Mr. Nixon. Fremoult's spouse and mother send service. [Endorsed in the same hand—Snitterton]. (16, No. 3073.)

1842.—17 Sept., 1704. **Erasmus Earle** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Thanks Le Neve for his letter; will take care to provide himself with what he mentions. He and Capt. Symonds will "wait of" Le Neve at dinner on Thursday. (16, No. 2995.)

1843.—4 Oct., 1704. **John Millecent,** Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has returned from London, where he has been to make his first payment this year. "I find that either Kingship or something has much altered poor Peter; but I ra[ther] think 'tis something about that —— Dolly, and that he fancies I have told Tom Rs." Millecent is guiltless in the matter. He has been very ill of a fever that has reigned "here all this autumn." An ague continues still; his illness lay so violently in his head, that he could not write or read for a long time, which is why he has not answered Le Neve's kind letters. (10, No. 1725.)

1844.—5 Oct., 1704. **John Havet,** Norwich, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Requests the interest due a year last October. (15, No. 2743.)

1845.—15 Oct., 1704. **Charles Hilton,** Newmarket, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is sorry he has put Le Neve to so much trouble about the boy. "When they see he was coming away they gave him six pounds . . . . and my lord told me if I could help him to more wages he should go away." Has been enquiring about another; has heard of one that served Mr. Cettell of Cambridge. He rides between seven and ten stone, "a very gentell young man." Is with his master till 12th November; he is a good groom and understands hunting; he would have eight pounds a year and the livery and "walls" [vails?] "I would have you have him, that Colonel Worstell may see what huntsmen we breed up." Mr. Row is dead, and two of his horses are to be sold cheap. One of them won the last fourteen stone plate, three heats. Please let "my Colonel know I have a pack of hounds left in town this winter by his cousin's orders." (15, No. 2753.)

1846.—19 October, 1704. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Has received the bill of £400, which he has got accepted. Has not yet received any money for Michaelmas quarter. (12, No. 2101.)

1847.—4 Nov., 1704. **Same** to **Same.**

Received the £400 of Mr. Sougate, and taken a goldsmith's note for it. Repeats what he has said in former letters about the rents. (12, No. 2098.)

1848.—21 Nov., 1704. **Same** to **Same.**

Has paid "your brother" £300, also £8 to Mr. Bladwell's sister, £10 more to Mr. Edgar, the rents to the two Companys of Merchant Taylors and Armourers and "your son's" master. Will give Le Neve's message to the periwig makers in Chancery Lane. Has sent by the Norwich carrier a parcel that came from Mr. Porter, which he paid for. Aylmer is very backward in paying his rent; Le Neve had better write to him. Mrs. Urling desires to meet "your brother" to settle her account; he is to appoint the time.

P.S.—"Just now your brother called and desired me to send some writing to you, and also to direct this to you to Captain Millecent's." The writings will come by the carrier. (12, No. 2099.)

1849.—2 Dec., 1704. **Same** to **Same.**

Will pay Le Neve's bill and that to Mr. Man. Mrs. Urling's account is made up. There remains £4. 8*s.* 8*d.* due to Le Neve, but she says Mr. Sanford let a tenant go away without paying 50*s.*, which she hopes will be allowed her. Mr. Aylmer has sent £20, and will send his tax bills. Mrs. Dupee, the periwig maker, has been dead this three months, "so if you have a periwig made for 'him,' please send directions. Captain Millecent called on me and told me I must go with him to taste some wine for you, it was about three days since, but when he calls I shall be ready to wait on him." (12, No. 2100.)

1850.—7 Dec., 1704. **N. Helwis**, Merton, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

"The whole doe is at your service, as you shall please to order it." (15, No. 2737.)

1851.—10 Dec., 1704. **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

"I'll this minute write a note to Mr. Lee, to be with me this night, if possible, and to send us what help or assistance he can, in order to run down the doe, and to-morrow morning, about nine (the hour you named), you shall (God willing) have my company also. But for any servant besides Symon I can't promise, half my family being very ill of colds, &c., the forerunners of the new fever. If it should happen to freeze, let us wait hunting till the frost be up, and we meet the later or go in at Will. Hunt's." (16, No. 2999.)

1852.—17 Dec., 1704. **Benj. Thompson**, Yarmouth, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve.** "To be left at Mrs. Pratine's, Norwich."

Has paid the duty of the two kegs of sturgeon, and satisfied the officers that seized them at Mrs. Pratine's, and sends two kegs to Mr. Chapman's, of Collery Brody, for Captain Earle of Haidon Hall. Desires Le Neve to take the money of him, 16*s.* per keg. Is sorry Le Neve is dissatisfied with the price; would like the money paid to

Le Neve MSS. Leonard March[es?], Mr. Chapman's keelman, at Collery Brody, or to James Sherwood in Norwich. Is now loading for Holland. (4, No. 702.)

1853.—18 Dec., 1704. **Thomas Lake**, Wisbeach [Camb.], to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Has received a letter from Sister Verdon ordering twelve gallons of rape oil to be sent to Lynn waggons for Le Neve. As it might be six weeks or two months coming in that shape, has sent a cask, but a smaller quanity, by Arthur Hurst, "our carrier," and he will leave it at Deerham Market, so far he is paid carriage for the contents as underwritten. Please pay the charge to father or brother Verdon. (4, No. 703.)

1854.—20 Dec., 1704. **Henry Mallows**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is sorry "your worship dare not venture on me. As for my being a soldier I did never go out of Norwich, and I was never given to drink in my life nor luy [lie?] in ought." Has only left for matters of his master's. Would like to come for a week or a fortnight to try. (15, No. 2757.)

1855.—31 Dec., 1704. **Erasmus Earle** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Was in hopes of seeing him at Aylsham "where Mr. Britiffe and myself could have served you in impressing the men your warrants were against, and could after have ridded our hundred of some idle fellows. You cannot, nor ought not to take it ill my not signing of it, since the Act expressly directs they should be summoned before three Justices to be first examined. On Wednesday next Capt. Symonds and I will meet you at Cousin Bladwell's to eat a piece of beef, and if the weather is fair we'll take a turn with the hounds, where you will appoint till two of the clock." (16, No. 3000.)

1704-5.

1856.—11 Jan., 1704-5. **A. Meetkerke**, Rushden [Herts], to **Oliver le Neve**, Witchingham.

"According to my promise, I made it your request to the College that they would accept of a less sum for their mill than £200, on the conditions agreed, but they were so far from granting it, that they did not take it kindly of me for abating of what I first proposed. I hoped (whilst I was at the College) to have received an account of the quit rents and pensions, that your leases might have been sealed before I came thence, for the Society insist on that as your covenant, first to be performed before they seal your lease." Desires Le Neve to be speedy. (15, No. 2744.)

1857.—16 Jan., 1704-5. **Richard Harris**, Bar—— [Seal covers rest of word], to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham. "To be left at the widow Pratton's, grocer, in Norwich."

There are two sorts of pipes "here;" one sort not glassed, 15*d.* per gross, and the glassed are 2*s.* per gross. Which will Le Neve have? (15, No. 2735.)

1858.—29 Jan., 1704-[5]. **Richard Linsey**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Sir John Gawdy's, near Lardenford [Larlingford?].

As Le Neve was not at home, was told "by those of your house" to

direct the enclosed, which he was bringing to him, to Sir J. Gawdy's. (15, No. 2736.) LE NEVE MSS.

1859.— — Feb., 1704-5. **John Millecent,** Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Though he can but just crawl about he must go to London next week. Sorry about the gelding, "he being so right a gelding for use, only his feet very flat." Robin was told they would not take under six guineas for him, and if he could be matched would not take £40 for them. Will try and find another. (10, No. 1726.)

1860.—1 Feb., 1704-5. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Harling. To be left at Larlingford.

Has sent the lime trees by the waggon at Chesson [Cheshunt, Herts?] with directions to the gardener. Mr. Le Neve and all are well; master much grown. Has not yet seen Mr. Harris. Cannot come down as soon as he expected. (4, No. 704.)

1861.—4 Feb., 1704-5. **Thomas Lubbock** [Witchingham], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Sir John Gawdy's, Harling.

Will send to Mr. Wortley by the first, but questions whether he can get fish, as no ship sailed last summer from "Weas" to Ireland. Has enquired about the "estery" [estuary?] wood, and finds that it is 14*s.* or 15*s.* a load; 150 faggots to a load. If he can get a man to size it, will try a load or two. Has set out the tenant's covenant wood at Welborne, "and should have set out Mr. Wickham the row against Mr. St. John, in the lane going to Matshill [Mattishall?], but have deferred it to your consent. Mr. Wickham paid me £14. The cart is to go to Holt on Tuesday for a door to hang in the arch, and Mr. Knowls will come next day to finish it." By Thomas Simpson's order has bought twenty deals. Muset the knacker offered £3 a skewer for the horse hides. "I dayed at Ling last week, and took very few flat fish, but brought home six brace of very good pike." (15, No. 2739.)

1862.—10 Feb., 1704-5. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve,** West Harling. [In another hand—Frk. L. Alcock.]

Is surprised at Sir Robert's death; hopes Sir Edmund Bacon will bear the loss like a good Christian. Looker's sister is very ill in Berkshire; he intends to go and see her the week after next, if she lives so long. The carrier did not call for the trees at Cheshunt, the gardener will send them this return. Mrs. London's things shall be sent. If Le Neve will send the "fare" horse at once to the Three Cups Inn in Holborn, Looker can sell him well, "for they buy all such horses for the guards and troops . . . The last Tuesday being the Queen's birthday, Mr. Le Neve and Mr. Rose and I drank her health and yours, and the rest of our good friends." (4, No. 705.)

1863.—20 Feb., 1704-5. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The bill drawn on him for £50 shall be punctually paid for to-day, if called for. In his next will charge his salary to Le Neve's account. Has been several times with Sir Jacob Astley, who has sent him to a mercer's who sells the silk, took "yours and paid 36*s.* for it." Sir Jacob gets "them" made up, and showed him the tassels; "he says I must pay the charge." Thinks "your brother" may have the painting

LE NEVE MSS. of "them" if he pleases. Has settled the matter with Mrs. Urling, "only the sugar rent, which she that receives for her says is but 15*s.*", but she is behind, and two 15*s.* are due. Mr. Wareham paid his rent and stopped 6*s.* of his sugar rent for taxes. If he is not to do that, will make him pay it next quarter. Would have sold Sir Jacob the leading pikes and halberds, but he talks of buying them at Norwich, but they must be made in London. Since Rose began this he has seen "your brother," who, with Mr. Crump, has been with Sir Jacob. Believes they will do the painting. (12, No. 2090.)

1864.—5 Mar., 1704-5. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. "To be left at Mr. Alderman Havers', near the Red Well in Norwich."

Is sorry he has not written before, but has been taken ill with a violent ague and fever, "that has almost [killed] *ciled* me, and made me look like death, but thank God I have missed two fits through the help of the Jesuits' powder." Is going into Berkshire to see his sister Godfrey, and will make all possible haste to get back again. George is gone out of town with his master, but Mrs. Smith says he will certainly serve Le Neve, and she will send him word of his return. The gelding is not yet sold, but looks almost a pound better than when Robin left him. There are two or three chapmen about him. Brother Godfrey presents his humble service. Mrs. Smith and Tommy are well. (4, No. 706.)

1865.—15 Mar., 1704-5. **Same** to **Same.**

Returned from Berkshire sooner than he expected, and should have gone into Sussex to have seen his cousin Allcock, "but was sent for to London by my attorney, for my wife preferred a bill in Chancery against myself and my brother Fuller and my brother Godfrey, as being trustees to a deed which I gave her, and would fain set them aside, and without we do agree that point, I cannot possibly wait on you till after next term is over, which will be a heart-breaking to me." George cannot leave his master without half-a-year's warning. Will get some one fit for Le Neve's purpose, and if he can light on a hunt's boy fit, will send him down. The trees, with the cloth and some other things, will be at Norwich Tuesday week. "I have got two very pretty diamonds for your ring, and suppose you will have it made as big as that ring I brought with me, now it is stretched." (4, No. 707.)

1866.—17 Mar., 1704-5. **Same** to **Same.**

"The horse is sold for £21, but 10*s.* of it goeth out of it by way of Barnakle; 10*s.* in earnest is received, but the horse is not as yet drawn." Has heard of a butler. Remains for ever "your dog in a string." (4, No. 720.)

1867.—17 Mar., 1704-5. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Sir John Gawdy's, Harling.

Has been ill and in great pain, and is very wretched and miserable. Acknowledges Le Neve's kindness in keeping him in "this business." Shall he direct the bill and give one to Mr. Harrison, who goes to London next week, and let him take the receipt of it from the person that has it? Is sorry for such mismanagement. Le Neve can't expect much better unless he gets "another string to your bow, for though I hope poor Jacky may live, yet that's uncertain, &c. (10, No. 1727.)

1868.—19 Mar., 1704-5. **Robert Lincoln**, Stratton, to **Mr. Harris**, Ashfillthorpe Hall. LE NEVE MSS.

"This is to acquaint you that Mr. Mallum's Court will be kept on Friday, the 30th day of March, at the Queen's Head in Stratton, at James Ebdaim's, and you are desired to come and be admitted to Mrs. Neve's——[letter torn] oppe hold Lands held in the said manor." (16, No. 3075.)

1869.—24 Mar., 1704-5. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is sorry to hear of the misfortune of the Harling family. Mr. Le Neve is well, and would have written to-night, but was prevented by business in the office. Has found a butler "which is a staid man and has lived seven years in a place as Butler and 'Bayle.' He writes well and is a good accountant, and shaves well, and understands his business very well." Is afraid he cannot be persuaded to take less than £6 a year, with his charges down. The knives and forks go to Sir John next week. Will come down himself as soon as possible, "for never was one so weary of the town as I am . . . Pray pardon the scribe and his tools, for they are as good as Mrs. Smith can afford me." (4, No. 708.)

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1870.—7 April, 1705. **A. Meetkerke** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has received no answer to his last letter. The College insist on the performance of the covenant before they seal the new leases. Would be glad to have some account of it before he goes to the College, which will be immediately after their progress. Will meet Mr. Warden, &c., in Bucks on Monday, the 23rd inst., and will be in London at Mr. Young's, a merchant on Lawrance Poultry Hill, on Tuesday, 15th of May, to stay three or four days. Let Le Neve appoint some one then to account with him for the quarter rents and pensions due at Michaelmas last, and Meetkerke will take care the leases shall be sealed and sent as Le Neve shall direct. (15, No. 2759.)

1871.—11 April, 1705. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

As the butler he wrote about would not come down, has sent a young lad. He has been greatly recommended. Hopes Le Neve will receive him, and send a horse for him on Tuesday to Sugate's Inn. "I have this minute bought a 'toping' gelding." The ring and seal are done, and Looker has Sir John's toothpick case. Hopes Sir John has received the knives and forks. Is sorry to hear of the misfortunes that have happened in the family of the Gawdys. (4, No. 709.)

1872.—12 Apr., 1705. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"As soon as the old beer is in my custody and fit to drink your health in, I'll not forget you." Has received the £100 bill sent by Capt. Millecent, and has been with Mr. French at the Prince's Arms in Gracechurch St. to pay it according to order; but he knew nothing of the matter, and would not receive the money, not having any orders from anybody belonging to Eton College, and not knowing Sir John Gawdy. Keeps the bill till he hears further. All the tenants have paid except Crips and Mrs. Urling, who are behind with their sugar-rents. "Aylmer is a dull cock": Rose has never settled with him yet.

LE NEVE MSS. He says he has orders to send down some Acts of Parliament to Le Neve. Mr. Looker paid the bill for the two children's coats. If Mr. Looker paid 17*s.* 10*d.*, Rose has the bill by him of 15*s.* 10*d.* Le Neve sent up. Has not seen Mr. Looker since Mrs. Hart was paid. Has paid Mr. Bladwell. Rose's wife has been ill; she and Bett send humble service. (12, No. 2104.)

1873.—26 April, 1705. **Same** to **Same.**

Capt. Knapp is out of town, his ship being fallen down the river from Woolwich, where she was launched; but his partner says the Captain is provided, but will take "him" if Le Neve wishes it. Will pay the £100 to-day. (12, No. 2105.)

1874.—26 April, 1705. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has sent the saddle and the locks. Cannot yet light on a hunt's boy. Old Bayard is gone and he has a young gelding in his place. Is promised a puppy of the same breed as Madam Earle's, and another of a lesser sort, which are the right Italian greyhounds. Cannot get a handsome one under a guinea, so waits further commands. Mr. Hoskins is just gone down to be married. Is glad Ranger proves so well; hopes the miller's dog supplies the place of some of those that died. Mrs. Margaret London is now in town: she, Mrs. Smith, and Tommy are all well. Madam Bokenham will be in town next week. (4, No. 711.)

1875.—29 April, 1705, **Thomas Lubbock** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Darsham, Suffolk.

Went to sea with the hounds on Wednesday, and gave them such a washing as they never met with. Went to Dereham to see after the masons. Mr. Rix has promised to come to-morrow, to bring a deal of help with him, and not to leave until it was done. Mr. Simpson has received the "plancher" and put up the ceiling "goys." Mr. Knowls sent to have the stuff for the staircase sent for. Has bought a cow at Norwich. Has not seen Bolls since Le Neve gave him the 10*s.* Mr. Helcote of Litcham was here the day Lubbock was at Sherringham, and left word "that one herring of Howe never fails of preventing dogs of madness." Frank Hudsen's wife will give 40*s.* a year rather than be removed. (15, No. 2758.)

1876—[1?] May, 1705. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has sent the receipt for the £100: Mr. Crowe was by when paid. Has only received Mr. Allin's and Wareham's rents. Mr. Wareham insisted on deducting the taxes for the sugar rent. When he has received the rest he will send the account. (12, No. 2106.)

1877.—2 May, 1705. **Thomas Lubbock,** Witchingham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** at my Lady Knyvet's, Darsham, Suffolk. "By Sad, the Carrier."

"Mr. Brown of Norwich has sent me word that he could buy coals at Yarmouth for 25*s.* pr. chalder, and 1*s.* 6*d.* for bringing up. If he have your order will lade a kell." Mr. Chapman should afford them at the same rate. "The old chimney is down, and the new one is advanced two feet out of the ground this morning." (15, No. 2760.)

1878.—14 May, 1705. **John Millecent,** Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS.

Cannot come himself, but sends Sutton, who will give him an account of all affairs. He stays behind to serve "the true friends of the Church." Cradle, the colt, and "my Ball" are heard of, but past hope of recovery. Is fully satisfied there is villainy in the case. (10, No. 1728.)

1879.—23 May, 1705. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Darsham Hall [Suff.]

Has sent the seal, two rings, and a pair of strops, by the Beccles coach. The seal comes to 35*s.* If the old saddle is sent up the saddler will put in a new tree, if it is worth mending. "I had my new gelding in swop for the poor old gentleman, as you were pleased to call him." Service to the family at Henham, and especially to Madam Bride; does not doubt but she will make her party as good with the young foxhunt as she would have done with the old. Has got a very fine flask for the squire. Service to "my lady" and Miss Lucy. (4, No. 712.)

1880.—23 May, 1705. **M. London** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Darsham Hall. [On the same paper as No. 1879.]

Takes this opportunity to send humble service to all friends and kind love to her dear sister. Sister Smith desires her to wear the apron. (4, No. 712.)

1881.—31 May, 1705. **Will. Looker,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Was last week at Brumton Park with Madame Bokenham, where he paid 11*s.* for 20 apple trees sent to Harling in Jan., 1696-7: let him know if they have been paid for before. Brother Godfrey sends service. (4, No. 713.)

1882.—8 June, 1705. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Capt. Knapp had sailed for Holland with the fleet before Rose received Le Neve's letter. Cannot hear anything of the beer, though he has been with the Yarmouth vessels; does not know the name of the vessel or master. Has paid Mr. Meetkerke's bill, but he had given it to Mr. Coggs. Mr. Chapman, who lives in Crips' house in Southwark, wants to know if his yard was as deep as Smith's and Free's, for before he came a wall was made which divides almost half from him, and he paying the same rent thinks he is wronged. Has had much trouble with Aylmer, he is £50 behind; has sent an attorney to frighten him. Mrs. Rose is delighted Le Neve's daughters are coming up to her, but Mr. Tryon is coming up for a week. Can they put off their coming till then, it will break her heart if they go anywhere else? (12, No. 2107.)

1883.—21 June, 1705. **Thomas Betts,** Inner Temple [London], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has received Le Neve's letter, with the "particular" in it; his client has the "particular" by him. Will answer Le Neve when he has seen his client. (10, No. 1716.)

1884.—28 June, 1705. **Robert Mann,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has sent the cloth lining and buttons, as underwritten. The button

LE NEVE MSS. is a handsome black button, the clothes being lined with black, and no button to be made in so small a time as he had given him.

7⅝ yds. of cloth,
23 yds. of serge,
9 doz. of waistcoat buttons,
8½ doz. of coat buttons. (10, No. 1718.)

1885.—14 July, 1705. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has sent two chests of Florence. He saw them both open, "and they were all full on the top, and the oil upon them safe; they are sent by the *Artiss High* of Yarmouth, Mr. Edward Wilson, master, who set sail yesterday, and the chests are marked, number 1 O.L. and number 2 O.L." Hopes to be back in a fortnight. Hears from Mr. Rose that all the ladies got safely home. (4, No. 714.)

1886.—17 July, 1705. **Same** to **Same.**

Has found out a "young fellow that blows a horn and has been used to hounds, and speaks pretty well to them; he weighs about ten stone." Mrs. Margaret London sends service. Has got a very fine Italian greyhound for Mrs. Bokenham. (4, No. 715.)

1887.—23 July, 1705. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Mr. Wilson has told him that the beer may come in the *Virgin*, so believes there is a prospect of tasting it. Is surprised his wife has not received his letter: sends his "true and kind love" to her and his daughter. Mr. Aylmer has paid twenty guineas, and has promised to pay more this week. What clothes must Le Neve's son have, cloth or stuff? Please let Rose know. (12, No. 2108.)

1888.—25 July, 1705. **Gerbriell Millecent,** Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Edm. Wilson has come to the Quay this day. Has spoken to Nath. Hart about the boy, and also about the bay trees, and told him to bring half-a-dozen handkerchiefs for Madam Lanneng. Sends service to her, and also to "my doctress." Pray forward the enclosed. If there come any men-of-war into the Roads will give Le Neve an account of it. (10, No. 1730.)

1889.—28 July, 1705. **Math. Nall,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"Had I heard from you a week sooner I would have supplied you, but this morning disposed of or engaged the same sum, and cannot at present supply you." (15, No. 2760.)

1890.—3 Aug., 1705. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The hunt's boy has played the "wye" [wag?] with him, and will not come down, though he had agreed to. "Master" is well and his clothes bought. Thanks Le Neve for his kind invitation to his son. The hangers are not done, but will come down next week. (4, No. 716.)

1891.—8 Aug., 1705. **Aug. Holl,** Twyford, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

His cousin Guybon being at Norwich when Le Neve's invitation

came, Holl could give no direct answer. Guybon goes from Norwich to Heydon on Thursday, to dine with "my cousin Earle." (15, No. 2764.)

1892.—18 Aug., 1705. **Mark Stone,** Lynn Regis, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is favoured with Le Neve's letter, telling him he drank some wines at Mr. Hellcott's that pleased him, and that he desires to have a hogshead of good red wine, neat, without any mixture. Will give the order to Mr. Taylor, but the ships being but newly come in, and the wines just landed, they will not be fit to drink before Christmas next. (10, No. 1722.)

1893.—19 Aug., 1705. **Tho. Edwards,** Wisbeach [Camb.], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Found Le Neve's letter on his return from London. "Upon the renewal of the Commissioners of the poor for the last circuit I spoke to my Lord Keeper about your relation Mr. Neve, but he said that there being none but he, he would not renew your commission as yet: as soon as it is, and my Lord not removed from his office, you may be assured I will not forget to remind him." Service to cousin Bladwell. (15, No. 2762.)

1894.—21 Aug., 1705. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

His wife and daughter came home safely. Returns thanks for Le Neve's kindness to them. Will send Mr. Bladwell a hat next return. Has received all the rents but Mr. Aylmer's and one quarter of Mr. Free's. Le Neve's tenant Clarke in Aldersgate Street is dead, and Mr. Mott who married her daughter is in possession. Mott wants Le Neve to lengthen his lease, as his printing-house is near falling down, and he would then build. Rose went to see it, and found both house and printing-house in a sad condition. Is going into the country for a fortnight or three weeks; on his return will send the whole account. Rose's wife has given Le Neve's son the token he sent. "He'll be with me on Thursday next to see the Queen go to Paul's, . . . 'twill be a fine show, and there to thank God for God knows what." (12, No. 2109.)

1895.—26 [Aug.?] 1705. **James Norris,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** at Sir John Gawdy's, West Harling.

Has written to London for the fustian; hopes it will come shortly. Pall, who made Sir John Gawdy's last clothes, will come to Harling again to see if they fit. Humble service to Sir John and Captain Gawdy. (15, No. 2763.)

1896.—9 Sept., 1705. **John Tollis,** Weston, to **Oliver Le Neve** and **Peter Le Neve.** "This to Peter Le Neve, at the Herald's Office, who is desired to deliver it to his brother, Oliver Le Neve, if he be in town, but if not, then to himself. Present, London."

Writes to tell him Mr. St. John is dead, and was buried last Sunday. Will Le Neve write to Esquire Tilney, asking him to accept Tollis to look after his farms, receive his rents, &c., as he lives very near his estate in North Tuddenham. (10, No. 1732.)

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1896a.—**John Tollis**, Weston, to **Peter Le Neve.**

If Oliver Le Neve is out of town, asks Peter to write a line or two to his cousin Tilney, letting him know the contents of the letter above written. (10, No. 1732.)

1897.—13 Sept., 1705. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has been at his cousin Allcock's, in Sussex, for three weeks and four days. Simonds, who was Le Neve's under-groom, on his return brought word from Watford [Herts] of his brother Fuller's death, which explains why he has not written before. Is to see two gardeners to-morrow, hopes he'll light on one to suit. Cannot get a hunt's boy. Coffee is twenty-two pounds a hundred. Will be back the end of next week. Mr. Rose is away. Mrs. Rose can talk of nothing else but her visit to Witchingham. Her daughter has been ill, but is well again. They are to meet Mrs. Smith and Looker at Mr. Armengor's this afternoon to drink "your health and your fire-side, not forgetting Mrs. London, who sent the token." Mrs. Rose says the powder sugar is £3. 8*s.* a hundred, and the loaf 12*d.* a pound. (4, No. 717.)

1898.—22 Sept., 1705. **Will. Looker** [London] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has hired a gardener for £14 a year, has a good character. Expected to have left town yesterday, and took leave of Mr. Le Neve, but his horse was taken ill. "Master" is very well, and has lost his "coff" [cough.] (4, No. 718.)

1899.—28 Sept., 1705. **Robert Monsey**, Booton, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Asks Le Neve to assist the bearer. He is complained of for not paying his servant's wages, Mr. Herne finding out he was earning 3*s.* a day, which is more than the Justices at the Sessions did last rate workmen's wages. Thinks Brown [the bearer] must have disobliged Herne, as he requires sureties, which it is hard for Brown to get. Also asks for a warrant for himself and Mr. Starkey against some mischievous young rogues who have broken into Mr. Starkey's orchard, stolen the nuts (which were half Monsey's), and broken down his trees. (10, No. 1724.)

1900.—10 Oct., 1705. **James Norris**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Apologises for not having sent Sir John Gawdy's clothes, but the tailor is employed in mourning clothes for Colonel Stebbings. (15, No. 2765.)

1901.—12 Oct., 1705. **Will. Looker** [Witchingham] to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Will want forty lime trees and one hundred apple trees. Expects the "gelder" to-morrow. The men are about the river, and the trough is put down below. Sir John goes to Harling to-morrow "without his clothes." Mis. Bell and Looker have had good sport a-hunting. Looker has been at "Sworten" [Swanton?] a-shooting, and killed five pheasants, and "never had so good spaniels as I am like to have this winter, for none of them will hunt out of gun shot." (4, No. 719.)

1902.—1 Nov. [1705]. **John Ratey,** Cheshunt [Herts], to **Mr. Looker,** at Oliver Le Neve's, Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Asks Looker to speak to Sugget, the master of the waggons, about the carriage of the trees, that they may not be taken up too soon. (12, No. 2115.)

1903.—3 Nov., 1705. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is sorry Mr. Looker cannot find his hat; it was sent. Hopes the alarum will come safely. Has received the bill of £45. Has written to Mr. Ratey about the trees. Paid "your brother" twenty guineas and sister £5, and will pay Mr. Haydon. "Your brother sent one Mrs. Slyford to me for £3," but Rose having no orders or money did not pay it. Is glad the groom is going to stay, "for three reasons; the first is, I believe he is a good one; the second is, your saving a soul, which I believe is a hard thing to do considering the great trouble our parsons are at and pains they take; and the third is, Sir Pynsent will not part with his." Next week will send the writings, some silk for Mrs. London, and a small gallypot directed to Le Neve. (12, No. 2111.)

1904.—16 Nov., 1705. **John Ratey,** Cheshunt [Herts], to **Mr. Looker,** Witchingham.

Has sent the trees by Sugget's waggon. Mr. Rose said he might come and be paid, but he would rather Looker saw the trees first.

	£.	s.	d.
100 Apples	3	6	8
40 Lime trees	1	17	6
14 Double mats		10	6
	£5	14	8

(12, No. 1705.)

1905.—16 Nov., 1705. **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Mr. Coke and his lady received Le Neve's present with many thanks. They want him to make one on Monday next. "My cousin Playters left a little teaspoon upon the table amongst yours: it is a very plain one, like the owner, as she desires me to tell you." (16, No. 3001.)

1906.—27 Nov., 1705. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Paid Mr. Wilson £18. 10*s.*, but has heard nothing of Mr. Carlton, so thinks he has not been advised, "for we citts. don't use to stay so long if we know where money is to be had." Is glad Mr. Looker has his hat. Paid Mrs. Slyford £3 and Egar 40*s.* Has not heard from Captain Millecent, but will pay him the £60 when he comes, "if my money tree bears so much, which is very thin since the late storms." Will call on Mr. Verdon for the deeds when he goes into Southwarke. (12, No. 2116.)

1907.—27 Nov., 1705. **Thomas Lubbock,** Witchingham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Harling.

Has sent by the bearer £5 of Mr. Terry's money, and will endeavour to make it up again to-morrow for Mr. Rippingall. Mr. Starkey was not at home when he went to Reepham. Mr. Rix and Mr. Starling are come to work. (15. No. 2766.)

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1908.—1 Dec., 1705. **J. Havit** [?] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. Please send the year's interest due last October. (4, No. 710.)

1909.—7 Dec., 1705. **Jeffery Mann**, Beck Hall, to **Mr. Looker**, at Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve's, Witchingham.

Understands Le Neve has a farm to let. Could help him to a tenant, for whom he can pass his word. Is very ill "by a fall in a chaise which Colonel Walpole gave me yesterday." He and "my lady" are gone to London. (10, No. 1735.)

1705-6.

1910.—1 Jan., 1705[6]. **John Millecent**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Hopes to be at Barham on Saturday and at Newmarket on the Tuesday after; brings Jacky with him. Service to all, "but having nothing to buy from Rob. Wright, I can't say anything to him .... We are all well at Peter's." (10, No. 1714.)

1911.—2 Jan., 1705-6. **Robert Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Cannot accept Le Neve's kind invitation, as he has to pay a considerable sum of money at Norwich next Saturday, "which is all of it yet in other men's pockets, who have promised to be with me one day this week, and if I should happen to be abroad when one or two of them especially chance to come, I am sure not to see them any more." (10, No. 1737.)

1912.—3 Jan., 1705-6. **John Millecent**, Newmarket, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is later getting down than he expected. Has heard nothing of Tom Rose, who would not once come to see me, nor his wife. Wonderful "caressing" [carousing?] at the Herald's Office. (10, No. 1736.)

1913.—2 Feb., 1705-6. **John Havet** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has for some time expected the interest due for a year beginning last October, please send it next week. (15, No. 2769.)

1914.—6 Feb., 1705-6. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

The boys are returned safe, and he hopes they will go on so to London; and "as to Tho. Rose, I believe since he is turned Whig he is turned double rogue, for I carried the £60 to him and showed him his own hand, which before he would remember nothing of." Knows as little about the affair concerning Peter as Le Neve does. Service to Chris. and Will., and "tell Christian I should think her better if she would return folks their goods." (10, No. 1753.)

1915.—10 Feb., 1705-6. **Eras. Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

At a meeting about impressed men, the Cawston constables brought one who had a certificate from "your" town, but pronouncing him "an idle fellow and not likely to re-claim; that and his stature recommended him to the officer (who was present) to take such fellows off our hands, indeed, after the constables found he must go, they

pleaded for his release, but they were answered, if they thought him not fit for the service they might have left him at home." Is sorry there should be any difference between the two parishes, and Earle will do what he can to retrieve them. (16, No. 3003.)

1916.—14 Feb., 1705-6. **John Symonds**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Received Le Neve's letter. If he sends his kinsman he shall be very welcome, "but the title of Honoured Sir don't belong to me." Pray let "my cousin" Bladwell know he can have the greyhound bitch. (10, No. 1738.)

1917.—19 Feb., 1705-6. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Received Le Neve's letter, but had paid £28. 18*s.* 3*d.* to Mr. Carleton on 24th of December; he produced a stated account from "your brother Gawdy." Has the letter with the account and receipt: "the receipt is for the use of Mrs. More." Prays Le Neve, when he writes, to desire Captain Millecent to give up a receipt Rose gave him for £76. The rents come in but dully this quarter. (12, No. 2102.)

1918.—23 Feb., 1705-6. **Charles Haman**, London, to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Sir Ralph Hare's coachmaker is lately broke. As Le Neve knows Sir Ralph, Haman begs him to speak a word or two in his behalf, that he may have the business. (15, No. 2765.)

1919.—7 March, 1705-6. **John Ratey**, Cheshunt [Herts], to **Mr. Looker**, at Oliver Le Neve's, Witchingham.

Sent the trees yesterday by Suggett's waggon. Will sell hollies for half-a-crown a plant, about two feet and a half high.

	£.	*s.*	*d.*
30 Apple trees	1	0	0
2 Mats		1	6
	£1	1	6

(12, No. 2112.)

1920.—22 March, 1705-6. **John Millecent**, Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has heard from Peter, telling him he is turned out of his Receivership, and Tho. Richers put in; "and if Peter's sudden change within this quarter of a year from mighty strangeness to as great civility as ever, and from forbidding me his house to all the invitations and treatments at it, be not a piece of court cunning and friendship upon Tom's niece's account, time will show." Begs Le Neve to order the money to be paid in, as he must make up his accounts. (10, No. 1739.)

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1921.—26 March, 1706. **James Norris** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Mr. Pall, the tailor, comes to day; hopes he will please; will deliver to him the Spanish drugget and other things. (15, No. 2768.)

s Neve MSS. 1922.—26 March [1706]. **John Ratey,** Cheshunt [Herts], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has received the money for the lime trees and apples from the gentleman at London. The gardener he spoke of wants £16 and his charges down: he is a very able man. (12, No. 2113.)

1923.—28 March, 1706. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Cannot get the rent from Mr. Aylmer. "I have sent your sailor off at the charge of about £8. I hope the Captain gave you an account. I paid the money as he ordered: it's a pretty lad, I hope he'll come to good." Peter came to see if there was any money to be paid him: Rose waits Le Neve's orders. "There is one Mr. Suckling, Lemmon that was, indebted to me 43*s*. I gave a bill on him to Mr. Gay of Norwich, and some time since Mr. Lemmon was in town and told Dick Lemmon he had paid it; so I wrote to Mr. Gay, who answered it was paid to his father-in-law, Mr. Lullman, who had returned it to me." Rose never received it, and has had no answers to his letters. Will Le Neve make enquiries about it? (12, No. 2119.)

1924.—7 April, 1706. **J. Millecent,** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has just heard by Mr. Richers that "Peter is to go within these six weeks to carry the Garter to the young Prince of Hanover, an opportunity that has been much desired by us both." Let Millecent have an answer to this letter and the last. (10, No. 1742.)

1925.—20 April, 1706. **John Ratey** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The gardener will not come under £14 this year and £16 the next. "You had better let the hollies alone till Michaelmas time, for it will be too late to move them now." (12, No. 2114.)

1926.—20 April, 1706. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Darsham Hall [Suff.]

Le Neve is not to inconvenience himself in paying in the money. It need not be ready till Michaelmas, and he can pay it in by little and little to Mr. Shales. Was in hopes Le Neve could come to Barham in his way to Hampshire. "Poor Peter, as well as we, being disappointed, for nothing but their own tribe and gang will ever be employed in anything of profit, though never so prejudicial to the public, for my Ld. T. owned me to be one of the finest Receivers in England;" yet he is turned out. Tell Esq. Jo. Rous he may dispose of the stallion. Is now collecting his last receipt, and shortly goes to London. (10, No. 1743.)

1927.—2 May, 1706. **Thomas Lubbock,** Witchingham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** at Sir Jno. Rous's, Henham, Suff. "By the Beccles post."

Has to acquaint him with the loss of the carps brought from Major Aids; is going again and hopes for better success—the tub leaked so he laid them in courses in rye straw mixed with grass, but they were all dead in two hours. Will wait on Mr. Britiffe on Saturday, and enquire of Mr. Knowls when he will put up the palisade. The grey mare is ill, Robin noticed her leg to be swollen; Sam. Gouldsmith is seeing to her. Mr. Spelding found an otter last Friday, at Lenard

mill, and hunted him all the afternoon, but could not kill him. The timber is all down and the wood making up. The masons have staid for Thos. Simpson this week. Lubbock has been to him. (15, No. 2769.)

1928.—13 May, 1706. **John Millecent**, Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has returned from London and found Sir John Chester here. Is obliged to go to Cambridge to receive arrears, and Tuesday after is appointed for the receipt of houses and marriages, &c., for this division, and expects to be sent for to make up his accounts for the Isle of Ely for the last year, as well as to receive the small duties for Ely division and two whole hundreds of Cambridge; therefore is afraid he can't visit Le Neve. Saw Mr. De Grey, who promised him the money as soon as Millecent sent the bond. Expects Peter and his wife here for a day or two. Jacky and Nanny are very well. (10, No. 1744.)

1929.—22 May, 1706. **Sam. Taylor**, Lynn Regis, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Received the order for the wine, one hogshead of red Vienna for Le Neve, and half a hogshead of the same and half a hogshead of very good white wine to be sent to Mr. Neve of Ringland, but Taylor has no good Vienna by him. Expects a quantity in July. Will Le Neve say what white wine he would like? Expects with the Vienna wines, Port, Lisbon, and Anadea wines, and probably Galitia wine also. The £15 Le Neve owes could be sent by the Lynn waggon. (4, No. 721.)

1930.—19 June, 1706. **Oliver Slyford**, London, to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Will be down in ten days' time. Has not sold the horse yet, but expects a chapman to buy him to-morrow. The Guards had gone before Slyford got up to town, so does not think he'll fetch above £12 now. He has learnt to shave, and hopes he will be perfect before he comes, and be fit to do the business Le Neve will command. "Your brother and sister . . . and your son and daughter" are well. (10, No. 1729.)

1931.—23 June, 1706. **Sir Horatio Pettus** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Asks Le Neve's leave that the bearer, Francis Godfry, carpenter, "may perüse your mill you grind crabs in, and if you would give him some instructions I should take it as a particular favour." (15, No. 2771.)

1932.—18 July, 1706. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent the sugar ordered; two sorts besides the loaf—a quarter of a hundred at 7½*d.*, and the other at 8*d.*; the loaf at 12*d.* The reason he did not thank Le Neve before for the old beer was that it was run out or played the rogue with, and but six gallons left; "the master said if it had not been in a false castor he'd have taken care it should have come safe, but as 'twas he could not meddle with it." Has received "your daughter's" box and letter. Rose's wife will get her things ready and send them. Is glad Le Neve and Major Rous liked the wine. Expects some more. "When I received yours I happened to be qualified to read, and after I went to the Dog and drank your health." (12, No. 2120.)

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1933.—25 July, 1706. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Thanks Le Neve for favours at Witchingham; was uneasy at being balked of seeing him at Romsey [Hants]. Will Le Neve secure Sir John's horse for Millecent at once. At the beginning of the season hopes to be as keen at hunting as age and infirmities permit, "being encouraged by such hounds as I never was yet master of . . . Robin's a wonderful proficient in fishing, as you will know when we meet." (10, No. 1745.)

[On the same sheet.] **R. Wright** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. "I beg of you to send my boots by the first opportunity. I shall be condemned to dullness and Whiggism very speedily at Lynn, but hope for a deliverance at Michaelmas." (10, No. 1745.)

1934.— — Aug., 1706. **Same to Same.**

Means to meet Le Neve at Romsey [Hants], Tuesday night. Poor Robert is undone unless he is called for at Runcton, which would not be above three or four miles out of the way, he being obliged to go there with his parents. To-morrow Robert goes to Cambridge and takes this letter to post, and if other measures are taken there will insert them. (10, No. 1746.)

4 Aug. [On the same paper.] **Robert Wright**, Cambridge, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is sorry if he is deprived of attending Le Neve's company, "especially when I might have been serviceable to you by my instructions in fishing, but I believe you will find cousin Millecent equally eminent." If he could come to Runcton, Wright would esteem it an honour, or if Le Neve appoints a place and time of meeting, he would wait on him. The Lynn waggon could convey a letter to him directed to Mr. Chenery's, at Lynn. Sets out for Norfolk on Tuesday, "there are no boots come hither as yet." (10, No. 1746.)

1935.—1 Aug., 1706. **Geo. Hinde**, Oxford, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Sends the leases, &c., by order of Mr. Meetkerke, steward of New College. (15, No. 2775.)

1936.—28 Aug., 1706. **Thomas Lake**, Wisbeach [Camb.], to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Takes this opportunity, by a messenger that comes to Mr. Bendishe's, to ask Le Neve if he can spare him some hounds. Had none so good as those he last sent. Lake's father has heard Mr. Hellcoat was parting with his pack, and Le Neve was to have what he would of them, so hopes his application may meet with success. (4, No. 722.)

1937.—4 Sept., 1706. **John Millecent**, Bath, to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Mr. Rose's, the Golden Eagle in Ludgate Street, London.

Hopes he heard through Peter of their safe arrival. Peter's cough is better, "only yesterday being a miserable wet day it returned a little . . . he goes with Robin into the market to see if he can fancy anything, but all things are indifferent to him; he is very brisk and well." Millecent means to return by way of Salisbury, as he has never seen it, and will be in London on the 24th inst. "Here are in comparison all the world, three dukes, many lords and more of their ladies, and more company than ever was known; here many fortunes, though not

many fine women; come here and see . . . if any you like. I know two sisters who divide £1200 pr. ann., and one an extraordinary fine woman; Jacky's duty, &c. (10, No. 1747.)

1938.—12 Sept., 1706. **Will. Looker** to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Mr. Duin presents his humble service, but will not want the chaise, as Mr. Layer has given him his old coach, and Thos. Simpson has undertaken to make one out of that. "He gathers strength very fast, for he can go about the room with one hand upon his wife's neck; and Mr. Layer's hand is in a fine way of doing well; although it hath seven holes in it the surgeon does not doubt but he will hunt before the season is over. Mr. Knight's son at Norwich is dead; the cook and Mrs. Ture have been sick, but are recovered; Judy is very broken-winded; the hounds are all in good health, as are all your good family. Your coffee roaster is so burnt that it drops in pieces. Mrs. Bell, Mis. Hen, and the Mrs. Londons desire to be remembered to you, and we all long for your coming home. The cupola is finished all but painting, and the bell is up, and the joiners' work will be soon done. Mr. Lubbock is this day gone to Sherbridge fair [Camb]. The crabs are all ready for "vargis." [Endorsed.—You are desired to buy three or four boxes of lozenges.] (4, No. 723.)

1939.—14 Sept., 1706. **J. Rolfe** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"Be pleased to send me the return of the Order of Council, whereof a printed copy was sent you in May last about Papists, unless you are willing I should carry all the rest of county to my Lord Townshend (except for the hundred of Eynsford), which is not yet come to [my] hands." (15, No. 2776.)

1940.—19 Sept., 1706. **Genevivae Smith** to **Oliver Le Neve,**

Has sent two hoods of the best silk: did not give the odd threepence for them. "There is 100 of needles. I have sewed them to the hoods for fear they should be lost. I am paid for them, for I had a shilling left of the £5 that I had for my cousin Bell's clothes." (12, No. 2121.)

1941.—23 Sept., 1706. **Geo. Hinde,** Oxford, to **Oliver Le Neve,** the Two Golden Eagles, in Ludgate Street, London. [See *ante*, No. 1935.]

Mr. Warden acquaints him that Le Neve has not received the leases. They were sent in July last by the order of Mr. Steward, in Mrs. Bartlett's waggon, who lodges at the White Swan at Holburne Bridge, and her book-keeper. John Statford was ordered to deliver them to Le Neve with care. Supposes, as he did not meet Le Neve, he carried them back to the warehouse. Le Neve is sure to receive them on paying the carriage. (15, No. 2777.)

1942.—28 Sept., 1706. **John Hooke** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Asks for the five years' rent due to him, to be paid him now in town. (15, No. 2778.)

1943.—5 Oct., 1706. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The hogshead of wine was sent last Thursday by the carrier by mistake instead of this, please send for it speedily. 'Tis the best I

LE NEVE MSS. ever tasted . . . This morning Mr. Bladwell set out for Captain Millecent's, and was d—d drunk last night." (12, No. 2122.)

1944.—10 Oct., 1706. **John Millecent,** Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is glad Le Neve got home safely; wishes he had told him how poor Jacky was. Gave no more for the horse than Le Neve ordered, only a crown to "Robin's brother for buying him. Send no money, only a bill upon Tom Rose for £10. 5*s*. Hopes Le Neve will like him as well when his load of fat is off. Service to cousin Bell, and pray get my book from X.'s, to send by the boy." (12, No. 2122.)

1945.—17 Oct., 1706. **Robert Mann,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve.** To be left at Alderman Havers', Norwich.

Sends the lace by the Norwich waggon. (10, No. 1734.)

1946.—19 Oct., 1706. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Le Neve will see by "the particulars" what a dreadful condition Mr. Neve's house is in. Rose went with the carpenter to view it, and never saw any house that was inhabited in worse condition nor worse furniture, which makes it look worse. The tenant had it viewed by a friend of his, now in Norfolk, who will wait on Mr. Neve and show him his opinion of it. Does not know how to advise about it. Hopes Le Neve and Major Rous' wine came safely to them. Mr. Aliss has sent the coffer this week. No money yet from Aylmer or any other, but expect it in about a fortnight. (12, No. 2123.)

1947.—26 Oct., 1706. **Edm. Harrison,** Ashwellthorpe, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

The courts are to be kept on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 12th and 13th November, at Ashwellthorpe. Mr. Brewster has ordered Sir Henry's courts to be a day or two after, because he thinks "your worship" will be there. (15, No. 2779.)

1948.—7 Nov., 1706. **John Millecent,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Could not obey Le Neve's commands to Mr. King, as Millecent had left Barham. It was well he had, for he met a gentleman from Bath who was in the same house with a lady, "the only acquaintance of that wid. you write about, and who is extremely concerned at her folly, and desired that gentleman to speak to me . . . to let her relations know." It was feared unless she came away she would marry a young spark. Millecent went to "this lady," the acquaintance now living in town, for more particulars. Waits further commands from Le Neve. "Dolly is much yours and cousins'." (10, No. 1749.)

1949.—23 Nov., 1706. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has been again to the tenant. If Mr. Neve consents to repair the house or allow him £40 he'll take a lease for the term Le Neve mentions. Rents have fallen in that neighbourhood, and he will not give above £20 a year. He has had a lawyer to advise him, who told him all he had to do when he left the house was to stop the water and wind coming in. When the letter of attorney is sent to Rose pray let him have Mr. Neve's final resolutions as to this house. Has accepted

Mr. Peter's bill, and sent 22 lbs. of tobacco to Sir John Gawdy, because the box held so much, and a gilt sword to the captain. The first dozen chairs were sent before Le Neve's letter came, and the others this week. Not a penny from Aylmer yet; next week intends to enter and seize.

		£.	s.	d.
[Endorsed.]	Tobacco, 22lbs.	2	4	0
	Box	0	1	6
	Porter	0	1	0
		£2	6	6
	Captain Gawdy's sword ..	£1	1	6

(12, No. 2124.)

1950.—26 Nov., 1706. **Ch. Hoskins,** Limpsfield [Surrey], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is glad the mare proves well, hopes Le Neve will set the gelding right, and make him a good servant. If he has leave he will do all he can about Sir John Gawdy's chariot. "I shall go to that wicked town in a short time. The coachmaker's name is Underwood, and lives in Gray's Inn Lane, in Holborn. I cannot forbear to tell you how Ball has behaved; last Thursday we had the greatest chase that had been for some years. I can't give you any particulars, but it was near thirty miles in length, and by all computation there was a hundred run that day. Hubland's horse, that won our plate, was killed on the spot, and for the honour of old Ball he brought the fox back half-a-mile before any of the company came in .... My dame gives her service." (15, No. 2781.)

1951.—7 Dec., 1706. **Robert Monsey,** Booton, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Hopes it is only a multiplicity of business that keeps Le Neve from visiting him. Was glad to hear from Knowls that his son was much better since his bleeding; sends this messenger to enquire after him, and to desire Le Neve's acceptance of the enclosed paper, "the product of a few thoughtful hours, and occasioned by a very odd dream, which first put the whim in my head of trying whether I had quite forgotten that little poetry I was master of when I was younger. I got a very few copies of it printed purely to save my weak eyes the trouble of transcribing them, which I intend as small Christmas gifts to my friends in the neighbourhood." (10, No. 1734.)

1952.—12 Dec., 1706. **John Millecent,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is glad to do all he can for Le Neve. Through cousin Biddy, has made enquiries about the Sheffields (Bro. Robin can give an account of Mr. Sheffield), £3000 ready money will be laid down, and if Mr. Sheffield likes, £4000 and the estate, when he dies, between the two sisters, whose just characters are—the eldest, tall, well-shaped, mild temper, extraordinary housewife, her father's commands a law, and not acquainted with any one young man, her face very agreeable, age 29. The youngest sister, a beautiful face, not tall, much inclined to fat, and in her temper a perfect stoic, not of so ready or pleasing conversation as the other, her age 26. "If you find any suitable to your inclinations, I should be glad you'd begin whilst we are here, you might lodge near Dyett here, and set your horses at an excellent inn over the way." Dolly's service to all cousins, &c. (10, No. 1750.)

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1706-7.

1953.—2 Jan., 1706-7. **John Millecent**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Would have written, only he has had a severe relapse. With regard to the matter in hand, he, Biddy, and Dolly, thought they could not do better than to let Le Neve speak his own language, so blotting out his and all names, showed "him" [Mr. Sheffield ?] "your letter, the frankness of which that worthy gentleman was so pleased with as to consent to your proposal, making only this alteration, that instead of £3000 he should give a good £150 per ann., which, with yours, should be her jointure, and you should have liberty to charge the £600 per ann. you mention with £1500 for your daughters. They all dined here on Tuesday, when I had the opportunity of making remarks, and I do assure you, in my opinion, the character I before gave is short. Cousin Biddy has told the young lady who modestly consents to what her father pleases, who says he must ask his daughter whether she is wishing to be a mother-in-law." Le Neve must strike while the iron is hot; it is whispered a lady is going to make a proposal. Millecent does not know when he will get to Barham. Would be glad to hear from his brother. (10, No. 1751.)

1954.—4 Jan., 1706-7. **Thomas Rose** [London], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Received the letter of attorney. The tenant in Wood Street stands on higher terms: "he says as to the embellishments he never intended his landlord should do anything that way; he's willing to pay the old rent." Thinks it would be the best way to offer him £24, as in the old lease, for two years. Rose has received over the lease, and intends to show it to a city attorney, a friend of his, but in London we go most by custom." Has been to the other tenants; the widow was out of town: supposes that is a ground-rent. One house is empty, and the tenant in the other did not know Mr. Neve. As yet cannot speak with Mr. Johnson, "though I have been often at the Exchange and several coffee-houses, and the bills are drawn at ten days' sight." Has written to him by the penny post, but has had no answer. Has received Mr. Neve's lease by Mrs. London. When the holidays are over he will go to the Bishop of Ely's with it. Mrs. Rose will send the salve next week, if possible. Humble service to all, "not forgetting the potatoes." (12, No. 2117.)

1955.—9 Jan., 1706-7. **Same to Same.**

Mr. Johnson has paid £200, but not the £100 mentioned in Le Neve's letter, but he will pay it soon. Has been with the tenant in Wood Street, but they cannot agree. Has taken the lease to the Bishop of Ely, and a new one is getting ready. "Pray desire Mr. Neve to send a line to Mrs. Sedshwicke [Sedgewick ?] that she may pay me. She's an old woman and fearful, but if he do not I'll get your brother to call. She lodges at one Mr. Gilbert's in Bookbinder Lane." Let Rose know what money he is to pay "your brother." (12, No. 2118.)

Le Neve MSS. 1956.—16 Jan., 1706-7. **John Millecent,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Thinks Le Neve must have forgotten his letter before last, "and since you must have money, and so much, we are assured, if proposed anew according to your last, it will never be accepted, when £1000 more is demanded, and no more jointure offered than £300 per ann. for £4000, and especially since there is such a certainty of a great fortune, that my cousin Biddy thinks it wholly improper to mention anything further of it than civilly to let him know that the person proposed cannot marry without ready money." Hopes to be at Barham on Saturday for a week. Say nothing of this matter, nor let brother Rob. speak of it. (10, No. 1752.)

1957.—30 Jan., 1706-7. **Same** to **Same.**

As soon as cousin Biddy was able, after her fall, she went to wait on the "honest gentleman." She pressed money, "to which that worthy gentleman answered, though that was not so convenient for him, yet the character that was given of you (if you pleased to come to town to treat with him) was so agreeable that a £1000 at least should not be an objection, which makes me hope quickly to see you here," and that the consequences may be happy, &c. Has written to Rob. and sent the only pair of spurs he had. Tom Slater is here, and your servant. (10, No. 1752.)

1958.—2 Feb., 1706-7. **John Dawson,** Saxmundham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"If you please to meet at Harling on Monday, the 10th inst., my clerk shall wait upon you there, in order for the fine that the purchase-money may be paid this term, and the writings in your custody may be delivered to Mrs. Johnson." (10, No. 1740.)

1959.—5 Feb., 1706-7. **Same** to **Same.**

Sends his clerk on purpose to take the fine, and so to London. If the writings are sent the money shall be paid this term: if not, please let him know where he will have the writings in London, when the money is paid. Has been most diligent, and hopes Sir John will consider him. (10, No. 1741.)

1960.—11 Feb., 1706-7. **John Millecent,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

This morning came honest Gyles. Is much disappointed, after he so earnestly promised, that Le Neve has not come too. He was expected last night, "and the young ladies were at our lodgings, ... I fancy, by chance, thinking to see you, and the old gentleman was with me this day, and I am so afraid he should think I baffled with him, a man of such quality, who is much pressed with the offer of another." Begs Le Neve to come up directly he receives this. (10, No. 1625.)

1961.—17 Feb., 1706-7. **R. Dashwood** [Cay?] to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Capt. Wilson was gone when Le Neve's servant came, but he has no cuttings left but what he desired to graft himself. Next year Le Neve shall have of every good sort he has. "I have sent you my infallible Nostrum, which cost me £20 for the recipe and a bond given not to discover it so long as the man lives I had it of, but knowing myself safe in your hands I make no scruple to run that hazard or any other to serve you." Returns thanks for the present of box, has sent some very fine melon seeds of several sorts. "I beg you'd not communicate the recipe to anybody." (10, No. 1754.)

1962.—18 Mar., 1706[7?]. **Joel Fremoult**, Norwich, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Was some time since desired by Mrs. Scrivener to write to Le Neve to pay in her £100 at our Lady next. Desires he will speak with her next time he is town. (15, No. 2770.)

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1963.—27 Mar., 1707. **Wm. Slyford**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has been to see his brother, who is much worse; he can hardly breathe, and so weak he cannot walk without support. He is removed to Burlington Street, at the upper end of Swallow Street, near St. James' Church, where he has a nurse. "Mr. Wright says he is more likely to die than live." (10, No. 1756.)

1964.—27 Mar., 1707. **John Millecent**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is greatly concerned that those whom he endeavours to help by every act of friendship should be so ready to do acts of prejudice towards him, "for tho' I had so little consideration and was so foolish to say why [paper torn] . . . you so backward to kiss your sister when . . . er [paper torn] lead D. Carnegee down last Saturday out of this chamber, it could be no diversion, or anything but to me a prejudice." Is sorry for himself that he has lived to these years, yet to buy common sense so dear as it always costs. (10, No. 1758.)

1965.—3 April, 1707. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is glad Le Neve got home safely. Will go and enquire after poor Slyford. Next week will send two bottles, and also pay and take care to send the mare when she comes. Is glad Mr. Neve wrote to his tenant; hopes he is satisfied. The beer has come "very safe, I believe, and good." (12, No. 2127.)

1966.—5 April, 1707. **Will. Roeves**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

The gardener is willing to serve Le Neve, but wants him to bear his charges down. (15, No. 2812.)

1967.—9 April, 1707. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is at Borne Bridge [Camb.] with Tho. Sclater, expecting Gabriell Armiger, so cannot answer Le Neve's last in particulars, "only that I perceive you much misinterpreted me, as you may perceive by my last to Bro. Robin." Hopes when he sees him at Barham, on his way to London, "all these matters will easily be adjusted . . . tell Rob. I have sent for a pair of stockings according to order for him, and a book for Xs." (10, No. 1760.)

1968.—24 April, 1707. **Same**, Barham, to **Same** at Mr. Rose's, the Two Golden Eagles, Ludgate Hill.

Will be glad to hear from Le Neve whenever "the grand affair" will give him leave. Dolly bids him tell Le Neve that what should have gone to cousin Wright's, "was, as done up, such an awkward piece of luggage that you would have been frighted to have seen it." Designs to meet George to-morrow, from whom he hopes to hear all

Le Neve MSS. "the affairs of the dead and the living." Presents humble service to "the worthy gentleman, the brother gent.," and to the ladies. When Le Neve goes into the city will he enquire "of your tenant Brabazon Ailmer who so often is in the Post Man, witness to the cure of Mr. Snow by the gout Dr., what it was he took . . . . . and what sort of operation it had." Millecent bought a pot, but takes it to be purely Venice treacle. "Rob. and Sutton are much yours." Le Neve's horses came and went safely. Service to Peter, "who I hope has satisfied you that what you said was at the Tavern, as Tom Sclater did. Rob. Wright here, who has got a very fine pole, but yet no fish, nor I fear will unless you send him some enchanting lines and hooks. We do not know what you mean by saying all friends are well in Holborn, pray explain in your next." (10, No. 1761.)

1969.—28 April, 1707. **John Millecent,** Borne Bridge [Camb.] to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Concluded to stay here for a day or two, and then go to Cambridge, when he heard of Mr. Coke's death; the Dr. and "mother" met them here, "but all was over two hours before we came, they coming as far as Newport [Essex] the night before, and intended no further than Hockerill [Hockering?] . . . . George desired we would meet him here this night, where they would lie, so brother Rob. and I are here attending . . . . 'twas an unlucky coming from home," . . . . . for the driver returning from Cambridge fell down in Alington [?] and broke his thigh in the middle. This letter he expects will meet Le Neve on his return from [Sam's]. Will he buy Millecent in his walks a good tenor horn, "which blowing will open my lungs after my great cold." Is looking forward to seeing him at Barham. George Wright is come, "but is not quite so open as I thought he would [be], but the other company will not give us opportunity." Is sorry poor Slyford is so near death. Spoke to Mrs. Sheffield of a person who could take his place if he dies. He lived with Sir Anthony Chester eight years, and ever since with Mr. Blathwait, near the Admiralty Office, where he may be heard of. He will doubtless want high wages. (10, No. 1762.)

1970.—6 May [1707?] **Same** to **Same.** [Letter torn in parts.]

Would like to know the progress of Monsieur Talure, which he fears will be retarded by the old gentlewoman's illness, which if continued long or end in death will wholly confine cousin Biddy from any assistance, and keep Le Neve longer in London. Hopes the old gentleman was well enough to get to Le Neve's [lodg?]ing "the great day." [The queen went in state to St. Paul's to a Thanksgiving, 1st May.] In Cambridge at the beginning to ring, the University Bell [paper torn]——— fell from top to bottom, "but hurt nobody, only hindered that day's ringing." Please desire Tom Rose to send for Millecent's great bottle that he left at cousin Wright's, and fill it with the best brandy, "for I would not have the worthy old gentleman nor your worship drink a nipperkin made of any but the best. I would have it sent next Tuesday morning, by Gilsen the carrier at the Oxford Arms, Newgate Street, and if you'll let Rob. when he is at leisure from his horses, buy me (near Billingsgate where they are sold) half a hundred lemons." Humble services near St. James'. Let the old gentleman know that Mr. Fountain of the North, who married Mr. Chester of [Cohenhatch's?] daughter has offered to settle £2000 per annum on his son, a fine young gentleman with Mrs. Cambell. Mr. Chester desired Millecent to propose it, and he wants to know the old gentleman's sentiments. (10, No. 1715.)

1971.—13 May, 1707. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS.

"Secundum Petri morem. I write in a scripp, having no more now to trouble you with, or take up much of thy precious time, but the hopes I have now Cous. Biddy is come to town, that matters and manto's [manteaux?] will be stitch'd up with more speed." No news here; but Rob. yesterday catch't a good trout. (10, No. 1763.)

1972.—18 May, 1707. **Same** to **Same.**

Fears Le Neve has nothing to do in town: hopes his patience will be rewarded "in the goodness and love of the lady you suffer these uneasinesses for." The old gentleman is unwilling to part with anything as long as he can keep it. Is worse since his lady's death, "for whilst she lived, five daughters then went much finer than these two." (10, No. 1764.)

1973.—23 May, 1707. **Thomas Lubbock,** Witchingham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Mr. Rose's, Two Golden Eagles, Ludgate Street, London.

Is sorry to acquaint Le Neve of the misfortune he has had in breaking the great looking-glass; can make no satisfaction but by paying for another. Asks Le Neve to send one down. It is the lowest glass in the frame, 2 ft. 10¼ in. long and 1 ft. 10½ in. broad. He had it taken to Norwich to see if it was whole, and on its return, while he was unpacking the case with a chisel, the iron fell on the glass and broke it. The garden wall is waiting for a second "kill" of brick. Is afraid 12 ft. will be too high. Mr. Rix has finished his work, and Lubbock hopes to get rid of the joiners and painters next week. (15, No. 2813.)

1974.—23 May, 1707. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve,** London.

The gardener has come, and all things are safe except the lower square of the glass Mr. Lubbock broke. Mrs. London is ill of a pleurisy. She has been twice let blood. Dr. Parham is with her. The coachman is not well, but goes about. The rooms above stairs are finished, and the parlour will be done this night. The joiners have almost done the dining-room; Mr. Stiles desires to know what colour it is to be. The gardener has sent his bill, the crops upon the ground are all right, and he has left a pretty good stock of "salleting" seeds. He intends to come to London when Tom comes up with the horses, "but is discharged of your family. Here is two Newington peaches and three good plums which are left, and he has set down seven shillings for them .... Master is well, and has been disappointed a whole week of his clothes." Mrs. Isabell would have written if Looker had not. Col. Walpole will be in town next week to fetch home his lady. The carp thrives, but the tench are almost all dead, except those in the greenhouse pond. Humble service to your lady unknown. (4, No. 724.)

1975.—26 May, 1707. **Same** to **Same.**

Mrs. London continues in a high fever; she rested but little last night. She seems to have a desire to see her sister. Mr. Knowles wants the length and breadth of the new hangings; his men are at leisure to go about that room. Mr. Neve desires to know how his lece [lease?] was sent down. Nothing has been heard of it. Cannot find any writings, with Mr. Norris' name in, in the drawer mentioned, "there is only two assignments of three leases between Sir John

Gawdy and you, and two assignments from you to Mr. Peter, and a settlement in jointure to your first lady, and two of Sir Roger Potse's leases, wherein there is no mention of John Norris, or of the Merchant Taylors, but I think one of them writings which you have mentioned." Master and the young ladies are well, and give their duties "to you and to their mother if it be so." (4, No. 725.)

1976.—27 May, 1707. **John Millecent,** Cambridge, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Received such a letter last Tuesday from Bendish of the Treasury, Peter's friend, that gave Millecent great disturbance. Is afraid Le Neve's patience is almost gone, but is glad "you do already give verbal consolation to one another." (10, No. 1765.)

1977.—31 May, 1707. **Will. Looker** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

The gardener wishes Le Neve to know that he parts fairly, and has left a pretty good stock of all sorts of kitchen stuff upon the ground. Poor Mrs. London is still very ill. Mr. Pamer, Sir Jacob's steward, has a very strong gelding; asks £15 for it, but Looker supposes he may be bought cheaper; thinks Le Neve would like him. The gelding from Sir John's has come back worse than he was when he went. (4, No. 726.)

1978.—10 June, 1707. **John Millecent,** Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** London.

Is uneasy at not hearing; trusts Le Neve is not ill. Peter continues very strange; is heartily sorry for it. All that's due to Arlington St. and the Strand. Is sorry Cous. Biddy is hindered from the country this side London. (10, No. 1767.)

1979.—12 June, 1707. **Thos. Richers,** Chesterford Pike [Essex], to **Oliver Le Neve** at Mr. Thos. Rowles [Rose?], a sword cutler in Ludgate Street, London.

"If you please to execute a bond, and deliver to Cousin Peter to keep for me, I will upon notice thereof send you or him a note upon my cashier to pay you £200, for I think I can spare so much for about the time you speak of. If this method does not please you, take your own." Will be in London the beginning of July. (15, No. 2814.)

1980.—13 June, 1707. **Giles Bladwell,** Booton, to **Oliver Le Neve** at Mr. Rose's at the Falcon in Ludgate Street, London.

Has received the saddle and the hats, and is much pleased with them. Was this day at Witchingham, when all well except dear Cutty, but she is in a fine way of recovery. Madam Bell says she has not heard from Le Neve for ten days, "but we can guess at the reason, having a more fair object, &c." Will be joyful to hear of his coming. Mr. Looker went to the sea to-day to get the beagles washed. (6, No. 12063a.)

1981.—18 June, 1707. **John Millecent,** Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** London.

Robert is leaving "these pastures" for Harling. Hopes Le Neve's affairs will be settled before Millecent comes to town after Midsummer, when he hopes to conduct him hither. (10, No. 1768.)

1982.—29 June, 1707. **Same** to **Same.**

Hopes to see him on Wednesday night; he and T. Tyrell will come together by Walden [Essex] coach, and go direct to Tom Rose's. Does

not expect to find Le Neve there. "Since the old gentleman was so forward, I do not think you be backward to get into new quarters. Pray desire Peter if he sees Mr. Millast to let him know I am coming up." (10, No. 1766.)

1983.—29 June, 1707. **Giles Bladwell** to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Capt. Norris is ready to do any act that could be reasonably asked him, so if Le Neve sends the deed he should sign Bladwell will take it over to him; Norris desired a counterpart may be signed and sent to him. Finds by Norris, Lady Playter has sent some letter to Mrs. Calthorpe, intimating that Mr. Norris was to release his interest in the estate, "which at first amazed him till I set the matter clear." If Le Neve thinks Bladwell a proper person to witness the deed, let him write to him and direct to Booton, as he has come from Felmingham. Believes Madam Carr Playters sent "some such news to Heydon, for Capt. Earle told me there was at present a demur to your amour: I asked him his author, but not one word he told me; but hearing Capt. Norris, his story from Sotterly [Suff.] makes me guess his news came from them." (6, No. 1064.)

1984.—15 July, 1707. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Sir John Woodhouse has ordered Le Neve a buck, and the Lord Townsend has given one between him and Capt. Earle. Mrs. Margaret sends many thanks for letting her know how Tommy did. Mrs. Chris. is hard at work preserving. Service to Mr. Rose. Mr. Right [Wright ?] presents humble service. Almost all the grafts of the hollies took. "The tenants desire to know whether they may be permitted to meet you some part of the way when you come home." (4, No. 727.)

1985.—21 July [1707]. **Sir John Rous** ["the old fellow"] to **Oliver Le Neve**, London. [Post-mark, Saxmundham, Suff.]

Sends congratulations on Le Neve's marriage, though he has not heard for certain "that the lawyers and priest have done their parts yet." Expects that Le Neve is as eager to have it over "as Prince Eugene is upon storming Toulon . . . hot work this time of the year." Hopes his [Sir John's] son has lost his ague, "'tis by the power of the bark" [quinine or Jesuit's bark]. Mr. Playster is at Henham, and is very lean, "love is a fearful thing, especially when forced to be stifled . . . some say he begins to *think*" . . . but Sir John implies a doubt if any of the family *can* do that! Please notify Mr. King, Sir John's chair-maker, that the chairs have not come, which were to be sent by the first Aldburg vessel. Will soon pay Mr. Rose for the hogshead of wine. Is going to bowls. His wife desires Le Neve to bring her a pot of the plaister. (ii, No. 353.)

1986.—23 July, 1707. **Lambert Nelson**, Witchingham, to **Oliver Le Neve**.

Sir Ch. Blois hastened away to Westwood earlier than usual, so Nelson did not see him till the afternoon. "It was with some reluctancy that he sealed the assignment, by reason I had no counterpart of it for him, and because I had not the declamation of the trust made by Sir N. Catelyn and himself to show him." Feared he might injure my Lady Knyvet and her daughters, "but I assured him that the uses of that estate reached no further than Mrs. Jane Knyvet's life, and then you and your executors, &c. After

LE NEVE MSS. many objections he condescended to execute it." Robin came to Ringland to desire Mr. Neve to meet Nelson, as he himself wished, then Robin met Nelson at Witton. "When I came there, the esquire was gone to meet some company at Mr. Bird's of Burstall [Suff.] (the d—— burst 'em all), to moisten his clay, where by the good conduct of his boy I found him, and acquainted him with my errand, and offered him the assignment to seal, who presently told me that he would not seal it without a suitable consideration (as he had often told Mr. Bladwell). I asked him what consideration he expected, or whether he expected that you should buy your own estate of him again, by reason that his father was a trustee for it, but I could get no other answer from him than that he had been well advised not to execute any conveyance or assignment of his interest without such a consideration. I told him (after I saw the booby so refractory, and on purpose to affront him, which also had its intended effect) that if he thought a pair of wedding gloves would be a suitable consideration I would engage he should have 'em when you came home, for which slighty proposal I thought (by his looks) that he would have hit me a slap on the face, but by great good luck he did not, and so we parted *re infecta*." Has sent the assignment executed by Sir C. B., and promised him he should have the counterpart if Mr. Norris did not insist upon having it. Le Neve, however, need not be obliged to Mr. Neve, or be engaged in an expensive lawsuit against him, for to be short Nelson has found old Mr. Norris' deed of assignment to Sir N. Catelyn and Sir C. Blois. Sir Cha. has it, and if he will part with it it shall be sent up on Monday by the Beccles coach, so that Mr. Sheffield and the trustees may be satisfied. This morning Mr. Neve came and executed the writings, and desired one part of the settlement to be left with him. Sends up the rest, and my Lady Knyvet's jointure, which is to be returned. Has sent up old Mr. O. L. Neve's will, but cannot find Mr. Fra. Neve's will. (15, No. 2816.)

1987.—24 July, 1707. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Mr. Rose's, a sword cutler, Ludgate Street, London.

Captain Norris refuses to execute the deed; Rippingall told him the Court of Chancery would assuredly inforce him thereto. Mr. Nelson has been with Norris also. Norris will write to Le Neve, or wait upon him on his return. Believes ten guineas will do it. (15, No. 2817.)

1988.—24 July, 1707. **John Millecent**, Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, at the Honble. Mr. Sheffield's, in Arlington Street, near St. James', London.

Begins "dearest Mr. Bridegroom." Hopes this will have the honour of first kissing his hand, with joy to him and Mrs. Bride, out of the country. Dolly, Mall, Bryan, Mr. Markham, Mr. Stephens, and Sutton join with him; they drank their healths at Jack Brady's about ten, and will do it here at dinner. Service to bride, father, and sister. (10, No. 1769.)

1989.—29 July, 1707. **A. Meetkerke** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witching-

Left receipts at Mr. Coggs', has not heard whether they were called for. Please put "your correspondent" in mind to pay the money. (15, No. 2795.)

[On the 31st July, 1707, **Oliver Le Neve** married **Elizabeth Sheffield**; she was his third wife.]

1990.—5 Aug., 1707. **John Millecent**, Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, the Honble. Mr. Sheffield's in Arlington Street, near St. James', London. LE NEVE MSS

Thanks Le Neve for his letter. "I perceive she stood by you, that made you write very quick and your hand shake." Is looking forward to welcoming them to Barham. Sutton and Theoph. give much joy. (10, No. 1772.)

1991.—8 Aug., 1707. **Will. Looker** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Wishes them both joy and health with long life, "for here is abundance of people sick of the fever . . . . of which the keeper of Kimberley Park died one day and his wife the next, and last night . . . . honest Mr. Helcote departed this life of the same distemper; and more sorrowful news is that you intend to part with the finest pack of beagles in England . . . Mr. Neve is very much concerned at it." Has been a trout fishing, and this morning a hunting, and killed a hare. Sir John and the Captain intended to meet Le Neve at Barham. Mr. Right is at Lin. All are well except the cook. Cattle die hereabout very fast with the "flote" of grass that comes now. Humble service to "your good lady." (4, No. 728.)

[On same paper as above]. **[Christian London]** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Will. Looker is ashamed to tell him, but the cloth Le Neve sent, though he likes it mighty well, will not hold out for four shirts. Will he please send three-quarters of a yard more. Sends a letter that came last week, as it may be business, and it may be ill housewifery to save 3*d.* The young ladies have gone to the assizes. Mr. Gutteridge came on purpose to invite them, so promised they should go one day to Mr. Bosely's ball. Tom Stiles has sent the man at last: they are now painting "it" with the varnish. "Pray sir, when your cook comes, give my faithful service to your lady, and tell her I would desire her, for her own sake, to bid her not to discover what wages she gives her, for Jane never had but £3 a year, and here will be old huffing if they know that secret." Her sister sends service.

1992.—18 Aug., 1707. **[Wm. or Hen.] Smith**, Coltishall, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Sends the composition of Shreeve, who is a debtor to Le Neve for £5. The composition is at 7*d.* in the pound, which is the utmost Smith could raise. The debts amount to £171. 2*s.* 1*d.*, and his effects to answer and pay the same as far as can be, are £60—£45 raised by the sale of his house (there is a mortgage on it), and principal money £20, so there remains to the use of the creditors £25, his stock and debts due to him fairly apprised by Robert Smyth and Thomas Rumpe, both deceased, at £15, and the legacy given by his father's will £20, in all £60. Begs Le Neve to subscribe and seal the account, and send it back so executed by the bearer, by whom is also sent the dividend upon the composition, hoping he will accept it and give Shreeve a receipt in full, that he may be able to trade again and maintain his family. (12, No. 2126.)

1993.—24 Sept., 1707. **J. Harvey** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is sorry to hear the town men of Ashwellthorpe are so ungrateful to him to tell so many lies; has always served them as fairly as he could as Justice, and not long since saved their window collectors from being fined; as to destroying game, Harvey seldom comes there more

LE NEVE MSS. than once or twice in a season. Will do what he can about Mr. Bacon, but has been ill with the new fever, as they call it, so cannot be at the sessions. Has sent his net, but it is out of order. "Pray set the matter right with my lady and your sisters." [Endorsed.] "Mr. Harvey of Bokenham about Ashwellthorpe." (15, No. 2819.)

1994.—9 Oct., 1707. **Geo. Taylor,** Wymondham, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham.

When he saw Le Neve last at Ashwellthorpe, he told Taylor he wanted a good greyhound to present to a friend in Cambridgeshire. Mr. Chappel, the town clerk of Norwich, has given him an extraordinary good one, which Taylor asks Le Neve to accept. Service to Mr. Looker. (4, No. 730.)

1995.—11 Oct., 1707. **M. Stone [?]** for **Mr. S. Taylor,** Linn Rgs., to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Sends one hogshead of red Vienna wine by Mr. Robt. Green's waggon. (16, No. 3004.)

1996.—14 Oct., 1707. **Ja. Symonds,** Westminster, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** to be left at Mrs. Prattant's, Norwich.

Concerning Le Neve's kinsman, he was the captain's servant, and he would have been instructed in the art of navigation had the captain lived. When any captain or other officer takes a boy they expect to have their pay, for "otherwise 'tis a £11 out of their way per year: the captain has twelve servants .... the usual way is to give them so much per a year for their service, and the officer to take his wages." Leaves London in a month, when he will wait on Le Neve and his kinsman. (16, No. 3005.)

1997.—20 Oct., 1707. **John Millecent,** Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has been ill ever since the day the queen came to Newmarket. Has seen but little sport, but what was there was good, especially the day before he fell ill, "when we had in Balsham field, between the ditch and Wratten fields, two chases of as great extremity of running as ever I saw, and the conveniency of the hills gave me leave to partake of most of it, where Silvertail could but just head Ned Chapman's Gawdy, so much is he come to himself, and both could do no more to my slovingly horse Ryat when one was upon his back could ride him." Is sorry brother Rob. has such reason to have so ill an opinion of Black Jack; he had better have stuck to old Rosinante. Sutton has spoiled Silvertail in a private chase. Le Neve's net is done, price 20*s.* It will be sent to Jo. Lord's with Mrs. Sheffield's book; one is making for Capt. Gawdy. Service to "your good lady," Mrs. Sheffield, cousin, Girls, Jacky, Mrs. Londons, and Mr. Lookers. Cousin Tyrrell wonders he can't hear from Mr. Looker about Sir John [Wood]house's keeper. (16, No. 3006.)

1998.—3 Nov., 1707. **Same** to **Same.**

Has waited to send both nets at the same time, that Le Neve may have his choice, "the brown one is as they dye them in this country for the stubble, but the white one in half a winter's using will be the same colour; they both cost £1. 16*s.* 0*d.*" Poor Sutton is in great affliction for his brother, "whose name you'll see in the Post-bag, cast away in the *Rumney*" [one of the vessels belonging to the fleet under Sir Cloudesly Shovell.] "A sad summer. Young Mr. Bromley will be elected without opposition." (16, No. 3009.)

1999.—4 Nov., 1707. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Has received from Mr. Sheffield £9. 4*s*. 0*d*., which Rose has charged "to your use, which be pleased to pay to your sister Trephina, for so he ordered. It should have been £10, but he told me he paid 16*s*. for her." The tenants are backward in paying. (12, No. 2128.)

[On the 8th Nov., 1707, **Oliver Le Neve's** third wife, **Elizabeth Sheffield, died**—said to be of apoplexy.]

2000.—8 Nov., 1707. **Robert Mann**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent this day by the Norwich waggon two yards of green cloth, five and a half yards of serge for lining, and waistcoat, and twenty buttons. They are directed to be left at Alderman Havers', in Norwich. (10, No. 1773.)

2001.—10 Nov., 1707. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Sparham court, if Le Neve pleases, shall be appointed for Wednesday, the 26th inst., by ten in the morning, and the business against that time prepared so that a little time will dispatch all. If that day does not suit let Le Neve appoint one of his own. "I can't go to London this term." [Endorsed with names in another hand.] Lubbock, Robin, the gardener, Jno. Henry Sachevrell. (15, No. 2815.)

2002.—21 Nov., 1707. **S. Taylor**, Linn Regis, to [ ].

Should have written before, only delayed, hearing of the death of the Captain's [Le Neve's] lady. "Am heartily sorry for the Captain's loss, &c. As to fish from Yarmouth I scarce ever had any from thence," but can write to a friend to have some sent you if the Captain pleases. Has sent for Will. Barrell, as his correspondent has had some discourse with him about fish. (4, No. 729.)

2003.—23 Nov., 1707. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Condoles with him on the loss of his wife. Has been ill, forced to lie upon the bed all day. Must submit with patience, "though some sorrows are easier to be borne than others, such as the country phrase calls fat ones, I am sure mine are all Pharoah's." Is glad Le Neve and the Captain have the nets. Sends this by Sutton, "who goes up to petition for his mother and sister, his brother having all he had in England with his wife; they say £5000 of his was lost with him, his prize, &c." Will Le Neve let Millecent know whether Mr. Beadle would part with his gout chair, either for money or otherwise. (16, No. 3008.)

2004.—4 Dec., 1707. **Thomas Rose** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Both Mrs. Write the elder and her daughter think it would be better to give Mr. Sheffield nothing than only £10 for mourning. Le Neve could not give less than twenty guineas. Has delivered nine rings to "your sister," and sent two to Capt. Millecent by Mr. Long. Mrs. Rose returns thanks for hers. They came to £12. 4*s*. 6*d*. Mrs. Sedwick's account is right. As to Hopkins', Rose has the receipts for the taxes. Cannot find the Bishop's receipt. (12, No. 2130.)

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2005.—6 Dec., 1707. **Thomas Lake**, London, to **Capt. Bass. Gawdy**, West Harling. To be left at the Post House, Thetford.

Sends two lasts, which he hopes will please. Expects to be at Sparham about Xmas, and would be glad to kiss Gawdy's hand there. Pay Lake's father or brother Verdon if there is no better opportunity of conveying the money to him at Wisbeach [Camb.] (4, No. 731.)

		£.	s.	d.
Dec. 3rd.	For 1 Last of Oats at £6. 10*s.* 0*d.*			
	dd. at Wisbeach	6	10	0
	For 1 Last at ———	7	0	0
		£13	10	0

2006.—11 Dec., 1707. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Whatever Le Neve's friends may have thought about what should be given to Mr. Sheffield, he and his daughter never complained. Some friends think he should return the jewels and perhaps the houses in Spitalfields. Thinks it is now too late to do any more. Rose knows Mr. Tryon's lady gave Mr. Savile, her father, no more. Saw "your brother" to-day: he does not mean to meddle any more in the matter. When the £100 is received it shall be disposed of as Le Neve orders. Will send the rings with the musketoon and snuffers. (12, No. 2129.)

1707-8.

2007.—3 Jan., 1707[8?]. **Charles Peyton**, Grimston, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham Magna.

Wrote some time since, but had no answer. His wife is now at Mr. Furst's, so begs an answer by her. (15, No. 2780.)

2008.—17 Jan., 1707[8?]. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is sorry he has not received the three rings sent in a case made of deal, in which was a musketoon. Questions not he'll find them by enquiring at the carrier's. Will get another made as ordered, and present it to Mrs. Campbell, and will pay the £3. 2*s.* 0*d.* Will let Le Neve know if he can find a sea captain for Oliver. Has received from the tenants in Spitalfields about £28 in money and £10 in taxes, and bills for repairs, which he finds Mr. Sheffield used to allow. Has paid Mr. Parke £15. If ordered will pay Mr. Pistor and Mr. Cooper, also Mr. King the £19. Waits on Mr. Sheffield on Monday. Has consulted Mr. Wrights about the tenants: he brought some writings, which Rose put up in brown paper, and has sent by the Norwich carrier. (12, No. 2125.)

2009.—27 Jan., 170[7-8?]. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Robt. Wright** at Oliver Le Neve's, Witchingham.

Sent the desk and drawers for Mr. John, but the roads being so bad the carrier did not come down. Let Rose know how the captain does as to health and limbs, and tell him Rose has received a line from Oliver [Slyford?] from on board her Majesty's ship *Bridgewater* at Bristol, who returns his thanks to him, and is well, but complains of his captain. Service to Mr. Le Neve. (12, No. 2131.)

2010.—31 Jan., 1707-8. **John Millecent,** Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham. [Endorsed] "to Mr. Sheffield in De la Hay Street, Westminster."

Knows Le Neve will be pleased to hear "Dolly was safely delivered last Tuesday morning, of another boy, whose education in new principles is much desired by both her and me, and therefore, we both beg the favour of you to answer for him, that he may be sure to be well instructed and, particularly, to abstain from all carnal works; and Tom Sclater will, I hope, instruct him in the way of the world, no man knowing it better." Service to cousins, Rob. and all. (16, No. 3010.)

2011.—21 Feb., 1707-8. **Same** to **Same,** Witchingham.

Thanks Le Neve for "your kind office of goffer to our little boy; your place was supplied by his grandfather." Hopes to see him soon; is sorry he has parted with his hounds; wishes he may do no injury to his health by it. "Pray tell Bro. Rob. I had none of his letters of the mighty chase at Harling; Plackett is a very good one, and scrambles in, as Sutton says. T. Tyrrell was, last Thursday was sevennight, married to Betty Maplelest, a girl of seventeen; he, twenty-two years older." (16, No. 3011.)

2012.—28 Feb., 1707-8. **R. Hare,** Stow, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Sends thirty guineas by the bearer for the horse and hounds. The boy that came informed him there were two couple and a half of whelps at keeping. Hare would like to have them. (15, No. 2808.)

2013.—9 Mar., 1707-8. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Was forced to come here [London?] by the Treasury. Mr. Sheffield has been to see him, but is now ill with gout; he asked when Le Neve was coming up. Le Neve is "now higher in the commendations of the lord's family in the Pell Mell." Cousin Biddy is taken with gout in the stomach or decay of spirits. "News here is so much, and hangs upon a sad string, that one sheet will not hold it, and T. Sclater has discerned strange things and mysteries to me which must not be writ." Neighbour Bromley has not given an ill vote, but opposes Sir Rushent in everything. "You must mind nothing but matter of fact in public now. We are ruined, and no help for it . . . . Your sister Neve looks better than ever." (16, No. 3012.)

2014.—17 Mar., 1707-8. **Same** to **Same.**

Received Le Neve's letter sent from Cous. Wright's to hisl odging at Mrs. Cony's, a hosier's over against the Sun Tavern, Holborne; had little inclination to be so much with Mr. G. Wri. as to lodge there, "he growing every day madder than other. He and honest Tom Sc. met here one night, and he began to fly out, but Tom so quickly dumb-founded him that he ris in a passion and went. I have been but once within his house to see poor Biddy, who indeed is in a very bad way." Millecent cannot stir across the street without a chair or coach. Tom Sc. comes in often. Millecent likes his conversation something better than Mr. G. Wright's, who is very ready to call him a Papist. No certain news of the fleet. "The bank has been so drawn that if any intelligence of the French landing had come, its credit had sunk, and now they consent to proffer 6 per cent. till Mids. for all brought in, and 3 per cent. for two months more,

Le Neve MSS. and 2 per cent. for three months more. I am sure I meet with so many disappointments as makes me almost mad and careless how things go, for this fine government has ruined me; and, therefore, can never hope to be well in body any more than mind, my only comfort is an enduring good wife." Dined with the old gentleman last Tuesday, "who is got upon his legs again, and had been that day to take money out [of] the Bank. The crowd was so great he could not get in, but the £100 bag-full lay in the window somebody did for him. He has a much prettier house than the other, and stands better, especially for Mrs. Sheffield, who by walking in the park, which is but cross the street, and looks so well I never saw her; her fat, as much as ought to be, gone, and a wholesome ruddiness in her face that makes her really a beauty [as all says] more than ever . . . Little Katé came in, but said nothing of anything or anybody." Hopes Le Neve will be soon at Barham and meet honest Tom, "and then you will hear such things from him as I neither dare write or must in prudence speak, but to particular friends." Is concerned that Le Neve should mention such a thing as tiring Millecent with reading his letters. Is glad Bro. Rob. is at last set to it. Peter has now "revived a Ld. Hunsden born in Holland and rich, which will bring about thirty yellows for Durham Dolly, about whom he is so angry with me as seldom to see me . . . Just now come in an express that the fleets were engaged; the French made a running fight, but Bing's light ships kept them in such play that he doubted not of his great ones coming up, he was between them and the land, off the mouth of the Frith." No more news. (16, No. 3013.)

2015.—18 Mar., 1707-8. **Thomas Lake**, East Dereham, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Received from his brother Verdon £27. 10*s.* for part of the last of oats sold to Le Neve and Capt. Gawdy. The remainder of the money due from Capt. Gawdy, which Lake thinks is £7: please pay to brother Verdon or to Lake's father. Cannot abate the price of the last parcel of oats. (4, No. 732.)

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2016.—25 Mar., 1708. **Will. Reeves** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent the asparagus and hollyhocks. They will be at Suggett's in Norwich on Monday next. If Le Neve's old Frenchman stays with him, will he let Reeves know, as the young man he spoke of stays for an answer. Oliver came to-day to take his leave of "us." Glad to see him so willing for sea. (15, No. 2820.)

2017.—1 April, 1708. **Thomas Rose** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has paid the debts, but not received the rents. As all others are at this time, the tenants are very backward. Sends the carpenter's bill for putting up Hopkins' corner post; will not pay it till he hears from Le Neve. Mr. Pister has forgotten the exact size of the glass, and desires it may be sent. "I have agreed with Capt. Pigott to take Oliver and allow him £4 per year, but when he sails I cannot tell; he's now at my house. I hear nothing as yet of the Nogg. When the officers are returned to Flanders I'll be more particular." (12, No. 2132.)

2018.—13 [ ], 1708. **John Sparham,** Saxmundham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The man and horses would have been very welcome to his house and stables, only the man met an acquaintance and engaged to go to Darsham. Sir Edward Duke will not let Mounser part with the setting dog Sparham spoke about, otherwise it should have been brought to Le Neve. "Our fair is now quite worn out, not any horses sold, nor any Jackeys that had any money to buy, but scrubs of two pounds, three, or four, nor no appearance, for I made it my business to be as serviceable as I could in assisting to dispose of your horse." (5, No. 936.)

2019.—15 April, 1708. **Will. Reeves** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is sorry Le Neve had to send so often for the plants. Has told the gardener what wages Le Neve will give, and he agrees to serve him, and he shall be sent to Norwich the 20th of May. (15, No. 2822.)

2020.—2 May, 1708. **Thos. Edwards,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"Has been informed that Le Neve is able to give him an account of what relations his cousin Bendysh had, who have pretensions to his estate at Bylaugh as heirs-at-law," "I having no other title to the kindness he has done by making me his heir, but by his will. Am advised to secure that by proving the will in Chancery, for fear any mischance should destroy the will he made. I, therefore, beg the favour of you to give me what notice you are able, who his heir-at-law is, where he lives, and what relation he was to my cousin Bendysh. I beg you would acquaint nobody with my enquiry of this matter." This summer intends to see Bylaugh, and will wait on Le Neve and thank him. Direct to Grig Street, near Soho Square. (15, No. 2688.)

2021.—7 May, 1708. **Tho. Hamond** to **Mr. Warner,** Elmham.

Is much in want of his £50 Warner put out for his wife to Oliver Le Neve, Esq. Is well satisfied as to the security, but has great occasion for the money. (7, No. 1256.)

2022.—13 May, 1708. **Fra. Sambrooke** to **Peter Le Neve.**

"I remember that I wrote the bill for Duke Schonbergh's titles of honour without preparing a draught thereof; so that you can have recourse to the same, which remains in the Signet Office at Whitehall." [Endorsed—Mr. Sambrooke's letter about Duke Schonbergh's patent.] (6, No. 1072.)

2023.—29 May, 1708. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Has received the £50 bill and paid Mr. Coggs for New College. Has not paid the bill for the corner post: it is to be left for reference. Rose has chosen the city carpenter, who has viewed it, and he hopes he will reduce it half. Only employed King the carpenter because his neighbours did. Hopkins is a rogue, he designs to cheat that quarter, "for as soon as I went to demand it he said, You fool, go and look on the lease and see whether any is due: you han't a fool to deal with, I'll pay no rent to you: let my landlord come himself for it, or I pay none." Rose would willingly be at some charge to plague "such a cursed ungrateful dog." Thanks Le Neve for the beer, it was bottled yesterday and his health drank. Has been very busy with furnishing the army. Sends Mr. Neve's account, and hopes to send Le Neve's by Mr. Looker. (12, No. 2133.)

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2024.—31 May, 1708. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Darsham Hall, near Yoxford, Suffolk.

According to commands waited on Mr. Sheffield, and dined with him, "where I met Captain Fanshaw and the widow lady Fanshaw, and the little woman with another old sister and Mrs. Camblin." All drank Le Neve's health heartily; had a very noble dinner. Will take care of the watch. Mr. Sheffield has not received any money of Mr. Rose yet: Looker will see him and speak about it. Captain Millecent and his lady are in town, the lady at Mr. Wright's. The Captain has been ill with gout in the stomach. Has directed the tackle to be left at Mrs. Prattens', "the stiffest top must be [word omitted] without side of the angle when he travels." Has not been to Bow yet, but has drunk Le Neve's health with Mr. Le Neve. Mr. Sheffield and Mrs. Sheffield send their love. Brother Godfrey and "my son" send humble service. (4, No. 733.)

2025.—[June , 1708?] **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The hope of seeing Le Neve that Sutton gave him has made Millecent very impatient. Has written to ask Peter to meet him. His little namesake Gabriell of Greenwich designs him a visit, but Millecent will not write to him till he hears from Le Neve. If Le Neve still wants a beast to go a hunting and run in a chaise, Frank Westhorpe has a good one. Peter wants a chaise horse, and Millecent knows of an extraordinary one. Le Neve's black colt is worth having again. "The fellow owns he did not cry them at three markets, but worked them as soon as he had them." (16, No. 3015.)

2026.—3 June, 1708. **Same** to **Same,** Darsham [Suff.]

Has been very ill with gout. The old gentleman has lost two horses, and wants a pair of new ones. Millecent told him of those Le Neve saw in Mr. Short's yard, that Frank Westropp recommended; he says he will not have great horses; would be glad of Le Neve's judgment. Millecent will take care, "if possible," he shall not be cheated. (16, No. 3014.)

2027.—19 June, 1708. **Robt. Singleton,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Mr. Lubbock came on Saturday to know when the steps would be ready. "They are all wrought," so can be sent for. (12, No. 2134.)

2028.—22 June, 1708. **Thomas Rose** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has been with an able attorney, but he must see the lease; begs Le Neve to send it as soon as he can. Hopes this week to end the matter about the corner post. Will save a bottle of beer for Le Neve when he comes to London; Rose hopes to be in Norfolk before then. Hopes half hogshead of sugar has been received. Will pay Mr. Sheffield the money. Cannot find in Le Neve's letters any orders as to Mrs. Sedswick's rent. Rose's daughter is in Berkshire. (12, No. 2135.)

2029.—8 July, 1708. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is glad Mr. Wright has received the fishing tackle. Will bring down the "armins" [almonds?] Le Neve sent for. Hopes to get his business done by the end of next week. Is sorry he cannot wait on

Le Neve at Lynn to see Mr. Wright try his new rod, but it is none of his fault, "for I trust in God I shall have no more to do with lawyers, for I am satisfied most of them must go to the devil." This day met Captain Millecent in town. Mr. Hoskins and lady and Mrs. London are gone into Surrey. Service to Mrs. Le Neve, Mrs. Ann, Mrs. London, and Mr. Wright, "and I wish you good sport and merry." (4, No. 734.) LE NEVE MSS.

2030.—15 July, 1708. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Received a letter from Mrs. Sheffield, "wherein she desires to know whether you sent the key of your watch with it, for Mr. Gritton refuses to let her have a key with it back again, till he sees it under your hand." Asks Le Neve to answer soon. Brother Godfrey and his fireside send humble service. (4, No. 736.)

2031.—27 July, 1708. **Tho. Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Thanks Le Neve for his account of Hopkins' letter to Mr. Neve. When the lease came Rose was with Mr. Blackwell and a city attorney: they both agreed he could not seize nor enter for rent, or arrest Hopkins, not making any bargain with him from the expiration of the old lease till the signing the new, "so I found my wings clipped, yet I carried it with as high a hand, and threatened him to do great things. Finding he was down, I used him as he did me when he thought he had the best on't, though when I came to know he had four or five children I submitted to take £12 down, and a note of his hand to pay the other £12 in a twelve months' time at four quarterly payments, the first to be paid the 29th of September next, so I allowed £6 for taxes, which makes the five quarters £30. I'll do him justice, though he's a rogue: and I must tell you I never took so much pleasure in drinking good claret as I did in humbling of him." Has paid the balance of Mr. Neve's account to himself, so there is £12 due to him. Aylmer is three quarters and Mott a year behind in paying rent. Paid £3. 2*s.* 6*d.* in May last at Assurance Office. Will call about Mr. Munsy's and pay that. Fears his affairs will call him to Bucks. (12, No. 2136.)

2032.—29 July, 1708. **John Millecent,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has received Le Neve's letter, "the material substance of which I had in a letter from the honest Coll. as you have writ it, and though I before knew from several, whereof two of the Commons, yet no less all thanks . . . I have taken all care about that affair . . . by retaining the best counsel in the Commons, though I do not hear they have yet in the least stirred, and unless they are fools they will not, for 'twill be only proving to the world what the Coll. called him in private." Will. Looker and Millecent drank Le Neve's health at Mr. Sheffield's yesterday. Mr. Sheffield is very well and grown young: he bowled, the day before, nine games at Marribow. (16, No. 3016.)

2033.—18 Sept., 1708. **Same,** Barham, to **Same.**

Hopes Will. Looker is yet at Borne Bridge [Camb.], that he may carry Millecent's thanks for Le Neve's letter. "Will. Looker will give you the freshest intelligence. As to the books you mention, Rob. has sent, I know nothing of them nor whether they are sent; and what sort of book the Xtian would have I am at a loss to know, whether

Le Neve MSS. play, romance, *Aristotle's Problems*, of which I have a very nice one at her command; as for a *Tom Thumb* in folio I have not one, but had I thought of it when Will. Looker was here I would have been no longer in her debt." Would have liked to have met Le Neve at Sherbridge Fair [Camb.] Thinks of being at the Major's feast at Lynn, if no great business prevents, having real business with old houses of Dolly's there. Hopes he may meet Le Neve and Rob. Dolly desires that cousin Bell may be left with them while Le Neve is in London. (16, No. 3017.)

2034.—23 Sept., 1708. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has had so many remembrances of his fatal enemy that he dare not venture to Lynn. Does not want to hazard being ill when Le Neve comes, whose brother Gaffer, T. Sclater comes to-morrow, and will stay till after the meeting. (16, No. 3019.)

2035.—7 Oct., 1708. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **O. Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Sends a hogshead of wine by the carrier. As Le Neve is so soon coming to London, will refer to that time all other matters. (12, No. 2137.)

2036.—8 Oct., 1708. **Benja. Ferrier,** Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has sent a firkin of sounds and gulletts, and half a barrel of Ireland cod, for the North Sea boats are not yet come home; the fish is smaller than the North Sea fish, yet it is counted the best. "As to red herrings, shall take care to find them you when we strick, they are not yet dry enough for to keep. The gulletts which are in the firkin are dry salted, and if you intend to keep them long your servant had best make pickle, and put them in. Service to your kinsman, Mr. Wright. [Endorsed in another hand.] Jno., The., Robt., Will the gardener, Jos., Harry, his brother. (15, No. 2782.)

2037.—13 Nov., 1708. **John Maran [?],** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

There being £12 10*s.* due to him the 26th of October last for half a year's interest upon a mortgage, desires Le Neve will let him have it at the first opportunity. (15, No. 2821.)

2038.—30 Nov., 1708. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Robert Wright,** at Oliver Le Neve's, Witchingham.

Is heartily glad to hear of dear Mr. Le Neve's recovery. Let Rose know where he is to pay Mr. Francis Neve's two years' rent, because he thinks it is to the Bishop of Ely. Has paid Mr. Sheffield £25, and will pay Mr. Tilney's when demanded. (12, No. 2138.)

2039.—16 Dec., 1708. **T. Morgan** to her brother **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is much concerned to hear of his illness. Had written to Mrs. Bell to enquire after his health, but knew she must be in very great trouble for the illness of so good a father. Is glad to hear by cousin R. Wright's letter of Le Neve's recovery. "He speaks of one he writ to my father: it did not come to his hands." Her father has gout in his hands, or would have written himself. (15, No. 2825.)

2040.—18 Dec., 1708. **J. Morgan**, Middle Temple, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Congratulates him on his happy recovery. Though unknown to him, yet equally rejoices with the rest of his friends . . . . since "'twas my lot to marry one so nearly allied to what was dear to you . . . . if you favour my spouse or me with a letter, please to direct to our house in Boswell Court in Lincoln Inn Fields." (15, No. 2823.)

1708-9.

[**Sir John Gawdy** of West Harling died in January, 1708-9.]

2041.—6 Jan., 170[8?]-9. **Benja. Ferrier**, Yarmouth, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent herewith eight couple Ireland fish and a tub of pickled herrings. Will send a couple of ling next week with the account. (15, No. 2787.)

2042.—6 Jan., 170[8-9?] **M. London**, Darsham [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"My lady took your visit very kindly," but thought it too short. On her return from Henham, M. London found Mr. Woolrough high in the spleen, hearing one of his relations had the small-pox. He went off the next morning, and will visit Weston before his return. Miss Lucy has had a letter from Tommy Smith, which highly delights her. Capt. Glemham is expected at Darsham. Will Le Neve be kind enough to send sister Smith a bill to Mr. Rose for £6. It shall honestly be paid when M. London returns into Norfolk. (15, No. 2788.)

2043.—6 Jan., 1709? **Same** to [**C. London**, Witchingham].

M. London was too dull to "divert miss, so she entertained herself and me with her voice. I shall be very glad to hear you got well home. At night I found the child dead, and the next day heard from Henham, my old master that night had a fit of an ague, and that Mrs. Wood was like to die." Rob. went post to London the next day. "My master" and Mrs. Wood are both now a little better. Hob is sending poor Genny a box, so M. London is resolved to pay 2*d.* and inclose this letter; the poor creature is a great strait. Hopes the captain won't be angry at her request. (15a, No. 2788.)

2044.—14 Jan., 1709. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent half a hhd. of mountain wine, red, the best Rose ever tasted. It cannot be bought in London, retail, for 5s. per quart, though it did not cost half so much. It is in a false cask, and will keep twenty years. Mr. Bladwell has asked him to pay his brother £5, which Rose does every quarter. Mrs. Coggs and Dan, "to whom I used to pay money for your use, stop payment; I don't say they are broke." (12, No. 2139.)

2045.—3 Feb., 1709? **John Havit**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Wrote two months since, and desired Le Neve to pay in the £100 and interest. Has had no answer. (15, No. 2784.)

Le Neve MSS. 2046. 28 Feb., 1709? **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has paid Mrs. Smith £6. If John will get Capt. Lulman arrested Rose will be well pleased, for he is an old rogue. Mr. Lemon can prove payment to him, but he can't to Rose. "We have nothing talked of here but Sacheveril, who is now on his trial; how he'll come off is not yet known." (12, No. 2140.)

2047.—18 Mar., 1709 ?. **Same** to **Same.**

Has received the £25 of Mr. Godfrey and accepted Le Neve's bill of £50, which he will pay when due. Is sorry any wine he has sent has proved bad, but hopes this last will please. Will pay Mr. Sheffield next week. Hopes John takes care of Capt. Lullman. (12, No. 2141.)

2048.—31 Mar., 1709. **John Millecent**, London, to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Is glad to hear, by Jack's letter to Peter, Le Neve is safe, though through hazards to Bath. Wants to know where he lodges, what Mr. Collaby says about the hounds, "and as much news as you can think of to divert my melancholy confinement to my chamber by the gout, which seized me last Saturday, drinking Friday night a glass of cider, by pretty Mrs. Morgan's persuasion, with Mr. Sheffield, my brother sufferer." Neighbour Bromley is ill of a fever. "Service to dear Jack and the bon Xtien. Peter was so kind to sit and eat a snap with me from the time he left Westminster till six. Spouse at Bow, mine, not yet recovered of her journey: poor Pug a great cold."

[Endorsed in another hand.] "Dear Jack, Mr. Collaby was with me as I received your letter, your [words illegible] you this." (16, No. 3023.)

2049.—5 April, 1709. **Same**, Walden [Essex], to **Same**, at Mr. Benge's, near the Green in Bath.

Pug's mother was so frightened by a report a foolish servant of Mr. Bromley's made about Millecent being ill, that he was forced down to-day to keep her from going to London. Is sorry "the Bath and your fancy don't hit; hopes it will improve. The Dr. will quickly be with Le Neve." (16, No. 3025.)

2050.—18 April, 1709. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Mr. Bangy's, next door to the Coffee House over against the Bowling Green at the Bath.

Received Mrs. London's letter. Is sorry he has not answered it before; if he pleaded business, "you'd be apt to guess it was at the Dog or some such place. I am now going to tell you two of the most remarkable stories that have happened since you left me, viz., (1) The beginning of last week I was recommended to one of the beautifullest young ladys I ever saw, but it was only to sell her a beaver hat and feather, and after I had agreed and had orders to get them ready, she told me I must bring them [to] her brother's, and enquire for Mrs. Dorothy Walpole, upon which, and having waited on her three times, which you know with some folks would create a small acquaintance, I asked her if she knew you. She told me she did, and desired to know why I asked the question; then I told her I had heard of you from the Bath. She desired me, when I wrote, to give you her service, and seemed mightily pleased to hear of you. (2) The

next day i' th' morning, being in my shop, as you know I am often, there came in a young gentleman and desired me to show him a sword and belt, which I did. We had a great many words about it before we could strike a bargain, but last we agreed, the whole was for both 10*s.*; he desired me to send them to him, as soon as the sword was joined. I desired him to set down in writing his name and the place, lest my boy should mistake; which he did, and when I found his name was Millecent, I told him I might have saved him the trouble, for I and my servants were well acquainted with that name. He asked me who I knew of that name, I told him Capt. Millecent of Cambridgeshire; then, with a very great blush, he told me he was the nearest relation he had, for he was his own father, and he went off. Indeed, sir, 'tis pity he should be so unfortunate, for he seems to be a well-bred gentleman, and much like his father in the face." Has delivered Mrs. London's message to Mr. Le Neve, and to the doctor. Was glad to see Le Neve's letter to the doctor was in his own hand. Hopes to hear of his recovery. "We . . . begin to talk of a speedy peace. . . . Your brother desired me to send the book." (12, No. 2142.) Le Neve MSS.

2051.—24 April, 1709? **George Hinde**, Oxford, to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Mr. Rose's, a sword cutler at the Two Golden Eagles, Ludgate Street, London.

By the directions of Mr. Steward will send the leases by Mr. Bartlett's, the carrier who inns at the White Swan at Holborn Bridge, and will be in London Saturday next. (15, No. 2811.)

2052.—10 May, 1709. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is glad to hear from Mrs. London that Le Neve has a good stomach, hopes that will soon get him strength. "Thank God we are all well here. I hope Mrs. Le Neve too, for she leaves off all her clothes next Thursday: but Mr. Wright has had a fit of the gout. . . . .The kennel is all finished within side except the copper, and the pails almost done. . . . . .We are like to have a pretty many peaches, nectarines, plums, and cherries, but the dwarf pears do not blow this year, nor the apricots. I have grafted almost seven score hollies, and I believe they will all grow: we have enough to plant the hedge to the end. We have but little company to the Bowling Green, &c." (4, No. 737.)

2053.—18 May, 1709. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Bath.

Was glad to see Le Neve's own handwriting, "tho' *quantum mutator* however that gives hopes 'twill come again to its former brightens [brightness?] (as Robert calls it), he is waiting on Sir Bassingbourne at Runcton and Magdalene." Millecent would have gone too, only the young child and mother's illness prevented him. Sir Jo. Chester and other company come next week. Is afterwards going to Lynn. Is glad Le Neve is reconciled to some things of the Bath, "and though I am not like ever to feel the bad effects of the market, yet I am sorry for my friend's sake." (16, No. 3024.)

2054.—19 May, 1709. **Daniel Dike**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

"Some gentlemen who hitherto have been at all the expense in defending the suit wherein Sir Ralph Ratcliff and others are parties against you and others, find it fit to put in a Bill among other things to oblige the parties to bring into court the money with which they carry on the suit, and they ordered me to give you this notice, that

LE NEVE MSS. unless you bring or send your proportion of the charge with those gentlemen who have paid 2*s.* 6*d.* for every £1500 value, subscribed by them towards carrying on the said suit, and have most of them made twelve payments accordingly. Their next meeting is to be on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at six of the clock in the evening, at the Crown Tavern, in Falcon Court, in Fleet Street. If you think it not convenient to appear or send as above, the said Bill will be filed against you forthwith, and you will be served with process to answer the same, and be put to much greater charges in defending yourself against both suits. Pray send your answer . . . . . to me, to be left at Mr. Robert Podmore's, a stationer in the Inner Temple." (16, No. 3026.)

2055.—20 May, 1709. **R. Holt,** Witchingham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has received money of "the several persons as followeth:—of Mr. Bucknom, £1; of Peters of Casson, £4. 17*s.* 6*d.*; of Clim. Ledes, £1. 1*s.* 6*d.*; of Robt. Buck, £1. 17*s.* 8*d.*; of Mr. Fisher, £20; of Roger Cabill, £16. 1*s.*; of Sidgin, £5; of the Overseers, £2. 18*s.*; of Pig for swanning, £1. 3*s.* 6*d.*; the whole is £63. 1*s.* 2*d.*; laid out in your absence as followeth, £77. 4*s.* 1*d.*" The court at Ashwellthorpe is to be the 21st June. "Things at home are all well." The kennel is done. Holt is now going on with the bolting-room as fast as he can. Mr. Cosens says he owes nothing till Midsummer. Has set the masons to take down great slips of tile at Mr. Cozens', and also at Tudinham.

[Endorsed—Mr. Holt, bailiff, about money received and paid at Witchingham.] (15, No. 2785.)

2056.—[24 ?] May, 1709. **Same** to **Same,** at Mr. Heather's, an apothecary in Henrietta Street, Covent Garden.

Has received Le Neve's letter, and hopes for further orders. Mrs. London wants a pie plate; sends the measure, and also the measure of a small pudding dish. For the muck at Mr. Fisher's the new tenant says he is to have it all, except that at tigh barn, but it was agreed Le Neve was to have one load and he two. Mr. Sacheverel died on the 22nd, "as I am told he died of the twisting of the guts." Sir Horace Pettus sends service to Le Neve and Mrs. Roberdson. (15, No. 2786.)

2057.—27 May, 1709. **Same** to **Same.**

On pulling down the tiles at Mr. Cosens, found it all so much decayed that Holt has ordered it to be repaired. Wants to know what brick is to be made this summer, for all the "fors" are up at Wesson, and there is not above enough for three kilns, and Winter tells him of five. Has been at Halston and got a mould for the dove-house, and a mason to look at it. (15, No. 2783.)

2058.—3 June, 1709. **Will. Looker** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

They are all extremely glad the hot and cold waters have had so good an effect on Le Neve. "Last week Sir Bas., Mr. Wright, and I, was at the shore a fishing, but the sport did not answer our expectations . . . however, we had good wine to drink your good health in, and Baker the famous trumpet with us all the while. We dined one day with Mr. Lovell and another with Mr. Burken." The new whelp is very like the one sent to Sercher about a fortnight ago, "they all enjoy their fine palace mighty well." Hopes Le Neve will get a good horse

before he comes home. Mr. Munke at Brand near Barnham Broom, has a strong one, that he asks £25 for: if Le Neve thinks fit he and Robin will go and see him. Service to Sir Will. Br. Love and service to Mr. Le Neve and Mrs. London. (4, No. 739.)

2059.—11 June, 1706. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Mr. Rose's, London.

"Is glad he has arrived safely in London. Expects him the end of the week after Whitsuntide, when you'l see a pretty boy, but so daily increases, both in good humour and everything we can wish, that I believe he will continue favourite. I hope Peter and his spouse will see you this far. I long to have her see my boy; much service to your dear Jack." Asks Le Neve to pay Rose for the wine. (16, No. 3022.)

2060.—16 June, 1706. **Same to Same.**

"Assure Peter I'll make no strangers of such real friends." Let Millecent know what day they come and how they will get from Walden [Essex]. Service to Dr. Peter and lady. "We wish for you this day, Mr. Sclater eating a piece of beef with us, and that when you come you may bring the news of peace with you . . . I hear Mr. Robert Wright is so angry with me for writing some things his mother persistently [?] commanded me to do, that I dare not send to him to meet you, but hope you have, and may assure him his mother goes to-morrow." (16, No. 3027.)

2061.—23 June, 1709. **Same to Same.**

Supposes Peter told Le Neve Millecent has to come to town at once to see his lawyer, Mr. Sherwin. Hopes they have not taken their places for Tuesday, and that by Thursday he may be able to return with them. (16, No. 3028.)

2062.—19 July, 1709. **J. Morgan**, Middle Temple, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Informs Le Neve his wife had a daughter on Sunday morning. Spouse and father join Morgan in sincere respects. (15, No. 2794.)

2063.—2 Aug., 1709. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Would be glad to hear how Le Neve got to Witchingham, and how he mends in his own air, and how he likes his new beagles. Supposes Mr. Robt. is so very angry that Millecent should obey his mother's commands that he won't write. Wishes he would show Le Neve the expressions or sentences in that letter that cause his displeasure. If Le Neve hears of a gardener, Millecent wants one to be gardener and butler, "he will have nothing to do in the house but at dinners and when company is here: he should have the advantage of my clerk, which is certain £10 per an. besides vails, and you know the gardens are but small . . . I hear young Ct. Layer has married Elves's daughter, and all settled by old Christopher upon him, and he at Booten. (16, No. 3030.)

2064.—4 Aug., 1709. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has sent the sugar and prunes. "Your brother" called for £30, but Rose has had no orders from Le Neve, so did not let him have it. Has received £40 from Aylmer. Has stopped payment at the Ram's Head. Will pay Mr. Sheffield next week. Rose's wife and daughter

LE NEVE MSS. are in Bucks. "Tuesday last Sir John Rous, his son, and Mdm. Hoskins and another daughter was so kind to send for me to a tavern, where we drank your and our good friends' healths." (12, No. 2143.)

2065.—13 Aug., 1709. **Matth. Nall**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Hearing Le Neve has a deputation from Mr. Tilney, desires leave to employ one, to try if he can get a few partridges for his August feast, being the last Tuesday in August, and another the Thursday following. (15, No. 2796.)

2066.—27 Sept., 1709. **John Osborne**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Encloses a small bill, which he supposes "is forgotton by your worship." (12, No. 2145.)

2067.—1 Oct., 1709. **James Norris**, Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham Hall.

According to commands sends the bill. Will rectify errors. (15, No. 2798.)

2068.—20 Oct., 1709. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has accepted Le Neve's bill, and will pay this week. Should have paid that and Mr. Coggs' sooner, but had no money. He has the Ram's Head Inn, and will receive the rent. Garrett will take a lease, and the rest will follow or buy. Has sent the corks and coke. Has enquired the price of hops, the best are £4. 10*s.* or £4. 5*s.* per hundred. Wife and daughter are returned from Bucks after about ten weeks' stay. (12, No. 2146.)

2069.—21 Oct., 1709. **Sam. Taylor**, Lynn Regis, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has received the £15. "You order me to send Mrs. Bokenham half a hhd. of white Lysbon and the like quantity of good port wine, but you don't say whether white or red port, the which please to acquaint me, and also if neat port or common draught .... Am sorry Mrs. Bokenham should complain of the last red wine." Thinks the Bury [Suff.] waggoner was to blame, or it was not properly managed after she received it." (4, No. 740.)

2070.—29 Oct., 1709. **Edm. Harrison** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Desires to let him know the Courts are to be appointed to be kept on Tuesday, 22nd November, for Ashwellthorp cum Wreningham; the next day for Fundenhall cum Hapton. "If your worship do come to your courts, I desire before that time to have a line from your worship, that your bed may be well aired." (15, No. 2799.)

2071. 3 Nov., 1709. **J. Brewster** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

"Sir John Hobart's Courts for the Manor of Wood Dalling is to be held upon Wednesday, the 9th of the month, where I desire you will please to order some person to appear for you to be admitted to such lands as came to you by the surrender of Mr. Francis Neve." (16, No. 3031.)

2072.—6 Dec., 1709. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is sorry Sir Bassingbourne should have so much trouble in getting his glass. Undersends the charge. Always pays any bill or bills from Mr. Munsey when they come to his hands; was summoned on

Le Neve's and his account, by the directors of Mr. Hartley's Assurance Office, but had no letter of attorney. Fears there is some trick designed, but refers it to Le Neve's brother. "Whatever the matter is 'tis put off for some time. I find all that are in are concerned much at the design." Dr. Benard sends service. Fears Le Neve's man John forgets the business with Lulman. (12, No. 2148.)

Oct. 29th. Pd. for coach glass and porter for Sir Bass. Gawdy.. .. .. 18*s.* 6*d.*

2073.—15 Dec., 1709. **Thomas Rose** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Received the £50, and will pay it. Hopes his letter with the account of what Sir Bass.'s glass came to, has been received. (12, No. 2147.)

2074.—31 Dec., 1709. **Roger Laurence** to [ ]

"Yours of the 22nd came to my hands, wherein I find so much goodness that hardly in my life-time have found the parallel in taking so much pains to serve a stranger whose misfortune 'tis not [to be?] able to make any return; as to the man you have caused to be apprehended, I do freely (upon your request) forgive, and will send my serjt. for him as soon as the hurry of the King of Spain is over. If it be no trouble to you, let him be where he is, and he pay the charge of it. With abundance of thanks." (4, No. 738.)

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2075.—29 Jan., 1709-10. **Willm. Newman** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Having declined hunting, and hearing Le Neve has gotten another pack, offers three or four couple if he wants so many, Le Neve being so kind as to give him some when he first set up his pack. (16, No. 3018.)

2076.—30 Jan., 1709-[10?]. **John Dawson** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Darsham Hall.

Has been with Madam Gorbold, who is willing to agree to an accommodation to avoid a suit; "but is afraid my coming again may cause a jealousy in one of the family, who has been none of the least in stirring up the coals." Will wait upon Le Neve at Mr. Ingham's or at Darsham. (16, No. 3020.)

2077.—2 Feb., 1709-10. **Wm. Luce,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Called on the sword cutlers on Ludgate Hill concerning his bill, but he will not pay it without Le Neve's advice. [Endorsed with accounts.] (15, No. 2789.)

2078.—3 Feb., 1709-[10?]. **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

His wife being sent for in great haste to her mother's, who is very ill, cannot now get Mis. Hen. what was promised. If Le Neve could send to Mr. Lone to come to him, Earle will give him instructions where to send his son to Capt. Symonds, who goes this spring to sea, and will take care of him. (16, No. 3021.)

2079.—15 Feb., 1709-10. **Will. Newman** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Found on his return from the mart Mr. Looker had been and left word Le Neve would dine with Newman on Monday. Will be out

LE NEVE MSS. on extraordinary business Monday and Tuesday. Can he come Wednesday or Thursday, when he will be heartily welcome to such hounds as he likes? (16, No. 3035.)

2080.—8 Mar., 1710? **Thos. Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

It is so long since he heard that he fears Le Neve and Mr. John are ill. Mr. Sheffield called, and Rose paid him as usual. Would like to have a line or order from Le Neve. (12, No. 2149.)

2081.—9 Mar., 1709-10. **Will. Reeves** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has met with a gard[ener?] that he thinks will fit, but he will not come under £16 a year. (15, No. 2792.)

2082.—12 Mar., 1710. **Sam. Taylor**, Lynn Regis, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Sends by bearer his account, £35. 6*s.* 3*d.* Please pay bearer, whose receipt will be sufficient. (4, No. 743.)

2083.—13 Mar., 1709-10. **John Millecent**, Bergham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Would be glad to hear of his welfare. If Le Neve could not, Mr. Wright might have been so kind as to have written. If Le Neve go to London this spring, Millecent hopes to see him on his way. "Everybody is of opinion that your little boy here is a brave boy, and every day improves in every kind, but so full of roguery we know not what to do with him, but much less without him, his tongue, hands, and legs are always in motion all day. His duty and Dolly's humble service. . . . Hounds are all gone, and nothing more but a setting dog; if you know of one very good and cheap. There are several hereabout, but dear, six or seven guineas." (16, No. 3032.)

2084.—18 Mar., 1709-10. **Thomas Skottowe** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

"This year's land-tax enjoins your general meeting on the 4th of April. If you please not to appear that day for Grand Jury Chamber, I will take care to convey the warrants to you in time." (16, No. 3033.)

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2085.—7 April, 1710. **Lambert Nelson**, Bramfield [Suff.], to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham.

"I have herewith sent to you half-a-dozen cardinal flowers, which Mr. Looker's care and a little of the gardener's pains may increase in two years' time to half-a-hundred. I was yesterday with my Lady Knyvet, and find that her ladyship is under a great concern about the purchase made by Mrs. Knyvet of Capt. Gorbold, by reason that Mrs. Gorbold will not now abide by the determination proposed to be made by Mr. Glover and Major Edgar, with which nomination my lady and all her friends were very well satisfied, but now Mrs. Gorbold will nominate no other person on her part but old Ingham, to whom my lady has some manifest exceptions. However, I proposed three other persons, which I think may match old Ingham in all respects, and left the choice to her ladyship's consideration. For if it be not determined by a reference, a suit in equity will be forthwith commenced by Mrs. G. . . . Mr. Wolnough was with Mr. Bokenham this week, and acquainted him with the whole matter." He will take

the whole concern upon himself, which has abated Lady Knyvet's disturbance. Hopes to bring it to a reasonable issue, that she may leave Darsham with some satisfaction. Service to the young ladies and "my arch friend Chris." [See *ante*, No. 2076.] (15, No. 2805.)

2086.—13 May, 1710. **A. Meetkirke** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Begs Le Neve to advise Mr. Rose to pay his bill, as he will not do it without hearing from Le Neve. Mr. Warden sends respects. (15, No. 2800.)

2087.—11 June, 1710. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, the Two Golden Eagles in Ludgate Street, London.

Le Neve will not grudge to hear that his dear little god-son is recovered of his illness. On Saturday and Sunday they concluded he would die, he lay in such miserable torment, and with so much patience. Hopes when Le Neve comes he will see him another sort of boy. Robert has caught several noble trout. "Dolly is much yours." (16, No. 3040.)

2088.—15 July, 1710. **Thomas Rose**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Sends Mr. Wicker's receipt, but can't find Mr. Botton's, but it is charged in Rose's book £3. 15*s*. Is glad Le Neve got well home, and hopes he received his powder. Rose has been to Surrey with Mr. Tryon: his wife and daughter are there now. (12, No. 2150.)

2089.—15 Sept., 1710. **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is very sorry he could not let Le Neve have the money, but expected £100 from a gentlewoman, who wanted that sum placed out. She has disappointed him, and at present he has only £50 of it, which he sends. (15, No. 2801.)

2090.—20 Sept., 1710. **Chris. Layer**, Cawston Market, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

As the 1st of October falls on a Sunday, asks that the Leet be put off till the Wednesday following, when "I'll plainly wait on you." (4, No. 744.)

2091.—1 [October ?], 1710. **F. Halcott** to **Robt. Wright** at North Runcton. To be left at Mr. Kidd's, near High Bridge, Lynn.

Is sorry for his fall, but hopes there was no harm received. As for the proposal made him, Halcott can say nothing to Wright till he has seen him, which he hopes will be before the elections. Does not doubt his care of the mare. Would be glad if Wright will appoint a place and time to meet him, "wanting to see you mightily with [Jas. ?] Townsend." (15, No. 2826.)

2092.—5 Oct., 1710. **Jesse Fitzer**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

If the saddle is sent back again it shall be altered, or another one sent. "I do believe the tree is too narrow for the horse's back, or else the panels want settling: they being stuffed full, which makes it set tottering. . . . as for the shape of the saddle in the seat and the two heads, is such as several ladies have for hunting." Will make the next of another form, according to Le Neve's directions. (16, No. 3034.)

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2093.—21 Oct., 1710. **Edm. Harrison,** Ashwellthorpe, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Gives Le Neve notice of the court at Ashwellthorpe, the last day of October the first court day, and the second the first day of November. (15, No. 2802.)

2094.—[2 Nov.?] 1710. **Erasmus Earle** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

Mrs. Fleetwood and he will wait upon Le Neve to-morrow. Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Scrivenor, &c., seem inclined to come later. (16, No. 3037.)

2095.—16 Nov., 1710. **Will. Reeves** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has bought the trees, could not get them under four shillings a-piece: they would have been cheaper if they had been stripped. Has heard of a gardener that he thinks will be fit for the business. His master Gascoine has an apprentice that he would send down, but Reeves does not think he would suit. (15, No. 2803a.)

2096.—2 Dec., 1710. **Same** to **Same.**

The gardener sets out on Monday by the coach, his name is Edward Smith. Reeves has agreed with him for £16 a year, and a quarter's warning. Has promised that a horse shall meet him at Norwich. Last night Reeves went to Bishopsgate St., and found the greens had not gone, they will come down next Wednesday. (15, No. 2804.)

2097.—14 Dec., 1710. **Thomas Rose,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has accepted Le Neve's bill of £100. Has received very little as yet of the Michaelmas quarter. "We have got the Church forward, but what will become of us God knows, for in my memory I never knew such times for scarcity of money." (12, No. 2151.)

2098.—19 Dec., 1710. **Chris. Layer,** Tuttington, to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

"Giles Cutting is very importunate that I might help him to a chapman for his little manor at Witchingham, and would needs have me write to you about it. He says he'd sell it a pennyworth, and that he has a very good title." Let Layer know if Le Neve has any inclination towards it. (4, No. 746.)

2099.—23 Dec., 1710. **John Morgan,** Middle Temple, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is going to lend some money by way of mortgage to Le Neve's neighbour, Sir Augustine Palgraves. Intreats Le Neve to give him the character and his opinion of the family, "whether you think I may proceed with safety . . . you may be assured I shall take no notice from whom I have my information . . . I find Sir Augustine and his lady made a settlement on their son by fine and recovery in Easter term last, and 'tis intended that part of these lands shall be our security." His father, Sheffield, desires his blessing to Le Neve. Morgan's spouse sends service. (15, No. 2803.)

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2100.— [1711]. **T. Edwards** to **[Oliver Le Neve.]**

"You may have some reasons to be sorry that Mr. Bendyshe's kindness to me has given you so importunate a neighbour . . . The

favour I have to beg of you is to lend me your brewer to brew me such drink as none but your cellars can furnish in this country, and that he may come hither, when you can most conveniently spare him, and that you would tell my man what quantity of malt, wheat, and hops you put into an hogshead, and where you buy them." Is going to town himself, and hopes if Le Neve come there also he will let Edwards see him in Greek Street, where he will find a hearty welcome. Mrs. Edwards sends service. "I beg the favour you would be admitted for me at your court. I take the estate by Mr. Bendyshe's will, which is given me in the words on the other side [of paper]. I would have my wife admitted at the same time and taken up to the use of my will. The charges, when you please to let me know, I will order my tenant Boulter to come and pay you. My wife's name is Joyce."

☞ "I give and devise to Sarah, my beloved wife, all my mannors, messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, situate, lying, and being in Bylaugh, Bardswell, Billingford, Great Witchingham, and Elsing, in the County of Norfolk, or any other town in the said County of Norfolk, with their and every rights, members, and appurtenances, to hold to her and her assignes during the term of her natural life. And after her decease, I give and devise the said mannors, messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with every of them, and every of their rights, members, and appurtenances, to my kinsman, Thomas Edwards the younger, the son of my uncle, Tho. Edwards of Wisbech, in the Isle of Ely, within the County of Cambridge, Esq., And to his heirs and assignes for ever. I desire it may be taken up to the use of my will." [Endorsed—1711.—Mr. Edwards about taking up copy-hold lands with clause in a will of New College Manour.] (15, No. 2835.)

2101.—13 Jan., 1710-11. **Richard Tasker,** Norwich, to [**Oliver Le Neve.**]

Begs pardon for the presumption of addressing Le Neve, but he and his have "a profound veneration to serve you and yours, and particularly a daughter of mine (without ostentation), a young woman, sober, and as well educated as my circumstances could afford, in semstry, pastry, and diverse other things not inferior to some that pretend to be teachers; is ambitious to be servant to the ladies your daughters." Thinks she will please, but if she cannot be received into Le Neve's family, hopes the young ladies will try and get her into a family of their acquaintance. Wishes Le Neve and his honoured family all joys "external, internal, and eternal." Please address an answer to him, next door to the Crown and Woolpack, near St. George's of Colegate Church. (4, No. 741.)

2102.—11 Feb., 1710-11. **F. Halcott** to **Robt. Wright,** at Capt. Le Neve's, Witchingham.

Mr. Recorder desires him to write to ask him to return the beagles if the Captain does not want them. Hopes they may be serviceable to the Captain. Has no reason to doubt the goodness of them when entered. "Lady and Phillida are of the same litter as your black and white bitch Countess," &c., &c. (15, No. 2706.)

2103.—15 Mar., 1711. **N. Helewis,** Morton, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Cannot wait on Le Neve at dinner because he has appointed Captain Loighten to go with him to Reepham to-morrow to beat up recruits, and the afternoon will be the most proper time for a declaration and

LE NEVE MSS. proclamation . . . "I mean the last Thursday's Gazette, the Queen's proclamation, and there will be occasion for either din or trumpet." Will be with Le Neve as soon as possible. (15, No. 2830.)

2104.—7 April, 1711. **John Marcon,** Norwich, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

The "unfortunate accident" of his father's death obliges Marcon to beg Le Neve to pay in the money that was lent out to him as soon as possible. Apologises for so sudden a demand. (15, No. 2832.)

2105.—12 May, 1711. **Richard Holt,** Witchingham, to [**Oliver Le Neve.**]

Went to Mr. Brantwhite, but he was gone to North Walsham: on his return he sent for Holt to come to Norwich, and wanted to know "my young master's" name and the tenants' names in Norfolk and in London. Holt knew nothing of the latter. "He told me he had sent to the Jane, and could not get his hands without consideration of it, but he did desire to go himself the next day to him, and so I hope he had it: he told me he was left in the dark." Would like to know how his young master did. (15, No. 2827.)

2106.—31 May, 1711. **John Millecent,** Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** at Mr. Hesker's, an apothecary, over against the Church Gate in Henrietta Street, Covent Garden.

Would be glad to know how poor Jack was, or of any good success in Le Neve's affairs. Had "letters enough from Mr. Norroy to make me borrow as much again as I had occasion for . . . . . and now will not so much as give me the least line what to do with it, though he knows it lies dead by me." Begs Le Neve to enquire what he had best do with it, but not as from Millecent, or he may be written to by the agents to pay it in, as they did before at his instigation. "I cannot imagine at the reason of his great prejudice to me now . . . . . Pray enquire about this new lottery, for I do not understand it as mentioned in the public news. Mr. Wright is grown the top angler that ever was here, he feeds us almost daily with large trout. He has been much out of order with drinking but one pint of bad white wine. He goes nowhere but to Sutton." (16, No. 3041.)

2107.—29 June, 1711. **John Marcon,** Inner Temple, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is much straitened for want of money just before going into the country. Could Le Neve let him have £20 in part payment of interest. £10 would be better than none. (15, No. 2831.)

[On the 10th July, 1711, **Oliver Le Neve's** son **John** died in London.]

2108.—12 July, 1711. **John Millecent** to **Oliver Le Neve,** at his lodgings, the York Arms, an apothecary's, in Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London.

Condoles with him on his melancholy news. Hopes that as he has been long forewarned he was likewise forearmed. Prays that this affliction may not cause any return of Le Neve's own illness. No friends upon earth are more solicitous about him than he and Dolly. Let them know when he returns. Mr. Sclater is servant. (16, No. 3042.)

2109.—31 July, 1711. **Saml. Heather,** London, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Received the box last week, and sent it to Mr. Smith's, but upon receipt of Le Neve's letter had it sent to Mr. Gwinn, at the Golden Cross, in the Strand, with directions to new mount it and how to forward it to Sir Bassingbourn Gawdy. (15, No. 2833.)

2110.—3 Aug., 1711. **Same** to **Same.**

"Last night, as the upholsterer had taken down the bed that the young gentleman your son died in (in order to be scoured and dyed), looking over the pieces, my wife found a little linen purse pinned behind the bed-head to the lining, in which is 30*s.* 6*d.* in silver, and half-a-guinea folded in the inclosed paper, which we judge to be his hand, and that the purse belonged to the young gentleman." Desires a line with orders as to whom he shall give up the purse. (15, No. 2834.)

2111.—3 Aug., 1711. **Richard Lake,** Sparham, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Hearing Le Neve intends visiting him, writes to say he is under some obligation to go with his wife to Dereham to-day. On Monday will endeavour to wait on one North of Rougham, "unless you design shortly to make him a visit, and then I would beg the favour to wait upon you thither in your coach, because I fear I shall scarce bear the fatigue of riding so far by reason of my leg. Pray pardon, dear sir, the freedom that I take, for indeed at this time necessity, properly speaking, has no legs. If I have said anything amiss here, pray impute it to the great affliction and trouble that hath made me almost blind, both in body and mind." (4, No. 747.)

2112.—7 Aug. [1711?] **James Norris** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has sent to all the shops in town to see about some black buck skins. Sends two pair of large skins, thinks one pair will be enough for a pair of breeches. They will cost Norris 18*s.* a pair: he does not get a farthing by them. Got the skins at Allen's the glover's: has been again to him and prevailed upon him to sell them at 17*s.* a pair.

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Two pairs of black buckskins at 17*s.* a pair ..	1	14	0
Three large Shamah (Chamois?) skins (for lining) 18*d.* a pair	0	4	6

(15, No. 2818.)

2113.—7 Oct., 1711. **W. Rolfe** (Clerk of the Peace) to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"I have the favour of yours. We cannot have a Jury impannelled against the time you mention. There must be a precept for that purpose signed by six Commissioners, directed by the Sheriff, which, as I take it, ought to be at least fourteen days before the time of meeting, and a warrant thereupon directed to a proper officer, to warn the Jury some days before. I am for Lynn to-morrow to keep the Sessions of the Peace there on Tuesday, and at Walsingham on Thursday, and shall have opportunity of discoursing my Uncle Rolfe and to get copies of the Commission and Dedmi[s], &c." If Le Neve will be at the Saracen's Head to-morrow, Rolfe will call upon him. Would wait upon him at his house, but has no time, "by reason I

LE NEVE MSS. cannot sell out till I have my letters from the post from London." Wishes they had begun sooner. "I am afraid the season is too far spent to do any great matter before the spring: however, will talk with you about it . . . . . in order to put it on foot." (15, No. 2836.)

2114.—24 Oct., 1711. **Richard Lake**, Sparham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is grieved he has unfortunately fallen under Le Neve's and the Coll. high displeasure: hopes it is the finishing stroke of a continued series of misfortunes. Although his fault admits of a mitigation, as he had only said they would both appear as friends to his son "when it came to the struggle," yet he would rather humbly and heartily beg both their pardons. Regards himself as a lost man to the world, and only begs his wife and children may not want friends through his default, &c.

[Endorsed.—Mr. Lake of Sparham, to Oliver Le Neve, to beg his pardon.] (4, No. 749.)

2115.—25 Oct., 1711. **Henry Rippingall** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham.

The gentlemen, who will lend or procure the £300, desire to know whether, in the security proposed, there are not some freehold estate intermixed with the leasehold. If there are, please distinguish them, and let Rippingall have an answer. (15, No. 2837.)

2116.—17 Nov., 1711. **John Havet** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Requests Le Neve to let him have his money between this and Christmas. [Endorsed.—Mr. Havet about his £200, and accounts of Mr. Cozens' rent.] (15, No. 2828.)

[21 Nov., 1711, **Oliver Le Neve** died of apoplexy.]

2117.—[November], 1711. **P. Rous** to **Mrs. London.**

Had a letter from his cousin Hyde yesterday, telling him of the death of his cousin Le Neve, "at which we were mightily surprised and extremely concerned: we never heard a word of his being ill. I hope he has taken some care of you, for I know nobody deserves it more, without a compliment." Longs to know how matters go, but does not think she will have time to write yet. (15, No. 2839.)

1713.

2118.—14 Dec., 1713. **Jeffrey Mann**, Thornham, to **Mr. Wright.**

Has sent a barrel of oysters by the Lynn coach, as requested. (7, No. 1255.)

[The following twenty letters, most of which are addressed to Peter Le Neve, come in appropriately here.]

1714.

2119.—25 Nov., 1714. **Erasmus Earle** to **Peter Le Neve**, at the Herald's Office, London.

"I am prevailed on by my friends to join Sir Ralph Hare this approaching election as a candidate for Norfolk." Asks for Le Neve's

vote and interest for Sir Ralph and himself. [Endorsed.—Col. Earle to desire his vote for parliament man]. (16, No. 3050.) LE NEVE MSS.

1714-15.

2120.—22 Mar., 1714-15. **N. Helwis,** Morton, to **Peter Le Neve,** Witchingham.

If the case were Helwis' own, Le Neve and his lady's commands should be obeyed. Is obliged "to take your word that it was your gamekeeper who, in your absence, was sufficiently authorised by your lady to dispose of any game he should in his district kill or take, and if so, neither your steward or arms will come within the Act, but if otherwise, I think it was the better way, in some measure, to make the prosecutor easy for his trouble." (15, No. 2838.)

1717.

2121.—23 May, 1717. **Sir Sewster Peyton,** Stanhoe, near Burnham Market, to [**Peter Le Neve.**]

"Being told by Col. Hor. Walpole you designed to let Witchingham for a term of years, causes you the trouble of this to know what pasture grounds you will let with it, for what time and at what price. If I come there, I, expect the whole home-stall, gardens, fish-ponds, liberty of the manor for sporting, &c. I will promise to be a very spruce tenant if your terms are not too much out of the way . . . If I am your tenant, whenever your business calls you that way, you may be sure of a hearty welcome at Witchingham. I desire your answer soon, being about another place." (15, No. 2845.)

2122.—5 June, 1717. **Same** to **Same,** Mast. of the Herald's at Drs. Commons. [It is also addressed—To Peter L'Neeve, at his house in Soho Square.]

"I am sorry you make so many reserves as to barns, out-houses, and stables, for I never have less than twenty horses of my own in keeping, besides strangers' horses; neither will the term of years suit me, having four years still to come in Stanhoe, and it can't be worth my time to remove for a three year's lease. I, therefore, give you the trouble of this to let you know I cannot like to have tenants in my yard and sharers in my barns, so would by no means hinder your letting it to another being." [Endorsed.—Sir Sewster Peyton, Baronet, second letter. Reserved room to put writings.] (15, No. 2844.)

2123.—28 June, 1717. **Erasmus Earle** to **Peter Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has just heard of Le Neve's return into the country: has been importuned by a friend to discourse with Le Neve about letting his house and grounds. There is a report that Le Neve leaves Witchingham next Michaelmas. Will be proud to recommend a tenant who will hire what can be spared. (16, No. 3052.)

1717-18.

2124.—20 Jan., 1717-18. **Thomas Skottowe,** Clerk to the Lieutenancy, to **Peter Le Neve,** the Herald's Office, London.

"The chief constables of Eynsford Hundred have informed the deputy lieutenants of your refusal payment to that collection called the Ammunition Assessment. This sessions they commanded me to write. (16, No. 3054.)

Le Neve MSS. 2125.—22 Jan., 1717-18 [?] **W. Rolfe**, Norwich, to **Peter Le Neve**, Norroy King at Arms, at the College of Arms, by St. Paul's.

The high sheriff has received a letter about his arms, "which he was surprised at when he read it, to think his Coat of Arms should be questioned now. He says his father died many years since, when he, viz., the high sheriff was an infant, and has no other arms than were left him by his father, who had them from his grandfather as he believes, and long before, never hearing any question or dispute about them. He says he is in no way related to the Howes of Geyton which you mention in 1664, and cannot understand the meaning of being questioned about them. He says he presumes his right to be good, although you do not find them enrolled in your books, having been used by the family time out of mind." [Endorsed.—About Mr. Howes, high sheriff of Norfolk, his arms, answered to Mr. Howes himself, 7th April, 1718. Roff's Seal of Arms, Mass Books, and old MSS. . . . [scratched over. . .] The hospital at Horaings [?] for Mr. [Rea . . ddam].] (15, No. 2841.)

1719.

2126.—2 Dec., 1719. **Lisle Hacket**, Moxhul [Moxhall? Warwickshire] to **Mr. Downes**, at his house in Brownloe Street, near Holborn, London.

Writes to enquire after his and Mrs. Downes' health. Captain Corbet is now in town, and has taken a house in Golden Square. Hackett asks Mr. Downes to present his service to him, and desires him to continue to frank his newspaper, "for I am sick in paying for the postage, it comes to so much; and I should be glad to have your votes if you think fit." His daughter sends service to Mrs. Downes, and she has received the box very safe. Service to brother Andrew and sister, if in town. (7, No. 1261.)

1720.

2127.—4 June, 1720. **Chris. Bassano**, Derb[y?], to **Peter Le Neve**, Norroy King of Arms, the Herald's Office, London.

Received Le Neve's letter. "As to Pilkington's pedigree I desire you will be pleased to leave it with Mr. Bound when you go into Norfolk; will endeavour against you return to give you farther satisfaction in what you object against. As to the arms of Milnes I did him none; but since I wrote to you have seen Gregson's pedigree, which is signed by Hen. St. George, Richmond [Herald], in the year 1633, and by Sir William Dugdale in his last visitation of this county. George Gregson married a Milnes, and for his arms is Ar., a bear rampant sa., musheld and chaines or. I know the very same arms to be borne by two or three families. You are pleased to say my seventh account of work done begins with Bate of Foston, the same person, which makes me suppose the sixth ended with him. I beg the favour of you to let me know who was the last person I made scutcheons for in the sixth account, and what there was due to you upon that account beginning at Catherine Clarke, not including what was due upon the account I made up with you when in London. As to Mr. Sympson of Barton having no right to arms: when his brother-in-law Mr. Brown died he gave me those arms painted upon vellum, and told me those were his right arms. I did not think it proper for me to question his right, unless I had known he or his father had disclaimed the last visitation, and when I returned them up to you, I knew, if he had no

right, you had good grounds to take notice of it at your visitation, as I know you will have for several others. I shall very much rejoice to see you upon your visitation, by which it will then be known who hath right to arms and who hath none, and heartily wish you may succeed in getting an Act of Parliament to suppress all those that defy your authority. As to all work done in this county I make no manner of scruple to pay you groundage for, but hope you will not insist upon any for Nottinghamshire till you can support me against those that do: the business I have there scarcely bears charges, for am obliged to do them at less rates. As to having better rates than they have in London, gentlemen don't at all grumble at it, my work answering it in goodness, for you must give me leave to tell you that one of my scutcheons is worth two of what the undertakers bring from London, and is what gentlemen frequently tell me themselves; the goodness of my work and rates I hope will be rather pleasing to you than otherwise. Mr. Tyrell's books, &c., were all sent up to his son, the colonel. Mr. Burton, poor gentleman, died in London five months since, and left his affairs in as bad a state as Mr. Stebbing. I am sorry to hear of Mr. Hare's death; there is something due to him from me for sending me in blazon the quarterings of Coke of Busley, in this county [Derbyshire], which if you would be pleased to discharge for me will very thankfully repay you. I shall observe your directions as to antiquities, pedigrees, and arms in churches, &c. I have made some collections that may be very serviceable to you at your visitation. I have on the other side sent you a bill of £5, payable at sight: did fully intend to have sent you an account of what I have done in Nottinghamshire, but am sent for to Litchfield [Hants], my brother there lying dangerously ill." Will try and send the account before Le Neve goes into Norfolk. Service to Mr. Bound; hopes he will answer letters in Le Neve's absence.

[Endorsed in another hand.—Xtofer Bassano of Derby to leave Pilkington's pedigree with Mr. Bound. Pay Mr. Hare; not paid him. Nothing worth saying about Pilk. ped. but to look in my books of Grants [Shirley?] and Camden. William Milnes of Tapton disclaimed in Sir Will. Dugdale's visit (?) in Scarsdale Hundred. Turner of ——, Derb., bears the same coat with Turner of Beddingly in Suff., granted by Camden. Feaf [?] what town see my book of coats by a name. Wrote to Mr. Bassano of Chichester to buy his original deeds; to desire him to enquire and send word who hath Mr. Burton's [?] paper. (This last sentence has been drawn through with a pen.) Writt. . Md.—The last account sent to me before 29th of November, 1718, of Funerals was Mrs. Franceys, buried 1st of April, 1714, and three trumpet bands; Heron [?] Sheriff, 1710; Boothby, 1713; Hart, 1714. Mr. Vernon's funeral forgot in 1710, the poundage of the other came to £7. 6*s*. 9*d*.; remained due to me 25th of June, 1715, £2. 16*s*. 6*d*. I received since by Mr. Bass, £5. 0*s*. 0*d*.] (16. No. 3055a.)

2128.—5 Aug., 1720. **Thos. Entick** and **Geo. Marlow**, Durham, to [**Peter Le Neve**], Norroy King at Arms, London.

"The dignity and honour of your office as Norroy, the learned qualifications that are applicable thereto, bring me as a suppliant to you, from whom I am to hope to receive orders and protection. Having found (from my deceased parent) a letter signed by the Norroy, containing an order to take a deputation to paint arms, in obedience to this summons, I also find an answer sealed and directed, but it does not appear to me that it has ever been sent, or any effect

LE NEVE MSS. from it. Worthy sir, I am to acquaint you that great difficulties would accrue from such an office. Without your especial interposition and authority to defend me, I might expect enemies from all parts and of all degrees, too heavy for me. Malice and destruction (if possible) being most commonly their weapons. To enquire into these abuses (which are daily committed here) would be a means to be stung to death, detraction, and a future resentment, the most moderate sentence from such mushrooms who can borrow a nobleman's coat, armour, crest, and even motto; if he's of the name the coat's his own beyond dispute, and upon it commenceth a gentleman. Notwithstanding we are two who would endeavour against these difficulties. Many of our gentry either accompanied the Earl of Westmoreland or died out since, some few yet remaining. Newcastle being so nigh has supplied us from their merchants." A visitation is much needed, there not having been one since the death of the late bishop. Please to mention the expense, and direct to the Half Moon, at Elvett Bridge End in Durham.

[Endorsed by Peter Le Neve?—"To be enquired after first, then to get certificate. One keeps tavern. To stay till take out commission. Writ to Dr. Smith. Doctor Allen by Mr. Conyers, parliament man. Writ Lee Speerman. Sir Luke Schaub, knight at Hanover, day of October, 1720. (This last scratched through). (There are also memo. in which the names of Carnegie and Menditte occur.)] (16, No. 3057.)

2129.—Sept., 1720. **Thos. Entick** and **Geo. Marlow**, Durham, to **Peter Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Fear their letters have not reached him, as they have heard he lives in the country. Asks for a license to paint arms, and apply for a deputation, and that a regulation may be made which is much needed. The disorder is so great that "all are become heralds for 'em selves." (16, No. 3056.)

2130.—2 Sept., 1720. **Sir Nich. L'Estrange**, Hunstanton, to **Peter Le Neve**, Norroy, Witchingham.

The offer made by his son of a piece of venison was with a design that Le Neve should chose his own time for having it. Sends part of the best buck his park affords. Is sorry to hear of his late indisposition; wishes him good health for the publick as well as for his own benefit. Will visit Witchingham before Le Neve leaves Norfolk. (15, No. 2847.)

2131.—1 Dec., 1720. **Geo. Marlow**, Durham, to **Peter Le Neve**, College of Arms, London.

Repeats their request to him. They will expect the whole business of the kind, or it will be of no benefit to them. They assent to Le Neve's propositions requiring a certificate of their characters, fitness for the business, a specimen of their painting, and a bond. Will acquaint Le Neve with all public funerals, "and that your Officers of Arms shall attend and give an account twice in the year what work done and for whom; besides an allowance of 2*s.* in the pound, we beg leave to reflect that even the best funerals with us would scarcely amount to your officers' charges 200 miles, which we humbly suppose must be deducted from those profits accruing from such funerals." If a seal, ring, or any piece of plate with a coat of arms on it is produced (even though it is made up), they must do it, or another painter will be applied to. "We have lately been informed

of three lawyers of this country who had each a coat of arms for half-a-crown a-piece (as they pretend) from your office too.

[Endorsed with memo.—Mr. Lee, of Clement's Inn, about them, &c.] (16, No. 3058.)

2132.—18 Dec., 1720. **Geo. Marlow**, Durham, to **Peter Le Neve**, College of Arms, London.

Marlow and Entick beg pardon for their ignorance in the customs of the office: find they are mistaken in supposing Le Neve has absolute authority to suppress any person from painting arms. Ask his advice how they are to proceed against such persons, whether in common law or in the spiritual, and whether the suit must be commenced in their Courts here or at London. Sorry to give so much trouble. (16, No. 3059.)

1720-1.

2133.—13 Jan., 1720-1. **R. North**, Rougham, to [**Peter Le Neve**].

Thanks Le Neve for "that curious collection relating to our certainties, as the bailiffs called them, which I perceive are for the liberty of having a leet. It is an important query [?] you make at last, for if fines and post fines of [sewage?] land are taken away by the state of wards and liveries, a great tax upon some land is saved, but I do doubt those do not stand on that foot, tenancy in *capite* as you seem to suppose; they are not in the places of license or pardons of alienation, but *pro licentia concordandi*, with respect to the [Amarciaments?] that the Crown had, if judgment was given. And for this reason men were not suffered to pass off matters in process by any accord, till they had compounded for the dues to the Crown that might arise thereunto, if no such accord was made." Will do all he can to "promote such noble benefactions to the public." Sends this by "my good friend Sir N. L. S. [Sir Nich. L'Estrange?] (10, No. 1774.)

1722.

2134.—4 Aug., 1722. **Francis Bassano** to **Peter Le Neve**. To be left with Mr. Tho. Langrish.

Believing Le Neve would be in London at the Duke of Marlborough's funeral, sends for the parchment roll. He has some papers which he will send with the pedigree Le Neve has to sign. Mr. Langrish, the bearer, wishes to be employed in Le Neve's office; he was brought up to herald painting, and is a good hand with pen or pencil. Hopes Le Neve will employ or recommend him.

[On another part of the paper.—"Received the roll within mentioned this 13 August, 1722, by me, Tho. Langrish. I lodge in the old Change at Mr. Curd's, joyn., near Cheapside, opposite the White Swan."]

[Endorsed.—"Scarff with money, grocery ward, pdd. for gardener's bill."] (16, No. 3060.)

2135.—7 Oct., 1722. **John Slaney** to [ ]

Was obliged to go over to Mr. Galward at Cambridge the day of the fair, so the horse was not sold. It is still at his correspondent's service. (15, No. 2849.)

1725.

2136.—24 Jan., 1725. **W. Towers** to **Mr. Wright**, at the Office of Ordnance, in the Tower.

Is making a short stay in town. If Wright is in that end of the

LE NEVE MSS. town he will probably meet him in the evening about five or six, at Richards' Coffee-house, near Temple Bar; or if he sends him a penny post letter, Towers will wait upon him at Garroway's Coffee-house, or anywhere thereabouts.

[**Peter Le Neve** died 1st October, 1729.] (7, No. 1257.)

1739.

2137.—24 Aug., 1739. **Rev. Abra. Cooper**, Scole, to **Mr. Martin**, Attorney-at-law, Palgrave [Suff.]

"My grandfather took to the sword and his brother to the gown, the latter was bishop of Galloway in Scotland; my grandfather, a cavalier, was a general officer to king Charles I., and coming to Cambridge for recruits, married the daughter of Justinian Barrow, of Spinny Abbey, Cambridgeshire, a Justice of the peace, and an estate of £150 per ann. My father sealed with the Barrow's arms, the crest of which is a squirrel cracking of a nut. I have a daughter, married, at London, whose husband is much acquainted at the Herald's Office, and desired her father's coat of arms: I sent the Barrow's, but that would not satisfy, because it was not the father's side. I sent her word we must go into Scotland for that, for Cowper is the name of a town in Scotland, in the County of Fife, and the Cowpers of Fife have been of great note. Upon this I had a seal sent with the Cowper's arms, the print of which I trouble you with for a blazon, but it not being an English coat, 'twill, I fear, be troublesome, which was never [my] intention." Will send for it again. "We having a print to answer it, the place looks bald without it." (16, No. 3061.)

1743.

2138.—28 Nov., 1743. **Steph. Sleech**, Eton College, to **Mr. Thomas Martin**, Attorney-at-law, at Palgrave, near Diss, in Norfolk.

"I received yours of the 21st: am sorry for Lord Rochford's delay, for want of his money my court accounts will not appear so well as I could wish without it at audit. I wish Nobbs would offer such a sum as the college would take: as for £200 we think it unreasonably too little. The five pieces of money that I spoke of are turned out to be shillings, and were received as such, but they looked like silver dipt in the bath, so that I really thought them brass. I should be glad of the rolls and rentals, but especially the minutes of the courts for the exactness of entry in our audit book. You may direct them to Mr. Edward Sleech, next door to the late Lord Wilmington's, in St. James' Square, London, to be transmitted to me at Eton. I know you have large collections of heraldry. If you could out of your books of Herefordshire send me anything relating to White of Whitehouse, his arms and crest, you would much oblige me. The crest was granted by Henry VII. in Bosworth Field for gallant behaviour. I am the more curious in this, being directly descended from this family by my father's mother, and heir to the estate if any had been left." Humble service to Mrs. Martin.

[**Peter Le Neve's** widow married **Thomas Martin**, the executor of her husband's will.] (16, No. 3062.)

UNDATED LETTERS

ADDRESSED TO

OLIVER LE NEVE,

OF WITCHINGHAM IN NORFOLK.

[C. L. (Chris., London) was a confidential housekeeper at Witchingham, and sister of Margaret London, often referred to as "Mad London."]

2139.— **C. L. to Oliver Le Neve.**

Is glad her master will soon be home, as it is the longest month she ever lived. Heard from Cousin Bell last week. Hopes Le Neve will send for Bell soon. Rix has not yet come to alter the boiler. (2, No. 379.)

2140.—16 Sept. **Same to Same at Mr. Rose's, at the Two Golden Eagles in Ludgate St.**

Thanks Le Neve for his letter. Is glad to hear that he meets with diversion. Supposes Mr. Looker told him that Mr. Calthorp and "my spouse" dined with them on their way to Darsham. As she was surprised, the drinks they had was the best part of their entertainment. Is sorry for poor Jo.'s illness. Lubbock is back from the Fair, but bought no hops, as they were too dear, "so he left it to the Rephamites" [people of Reepham]. All the sessions are over, so he doubts whether he can get Le Neve a good man. Capt. Earl sent half a buck, which C. L. sent to Norwich, and returned the Capt. word that she wished for no more during Le Neve's absence, taking it "for a trick to make me pay a fee." Expects Mr. Varden and his wife, and "the bloods of the Lakes" to dine here. (2, No. 380.)

2141.—10 Jan., **Same to Same, at Harling.**

All the servants are extremely against moving the boiler. The steam will "spoil all the putter [butter?]; make it never fit to be seen at table;" it will also cause a slop in the kitchen. If the alteration is only on account of the smoke, Rix says that can be turned another way. Little parson Le Neve and another of that name, but unknown to C. L., came on a visit Tuesday night and stopped till yesterday. The old man lives at Rockland; the parson said he would call on Le Neve at Harling, but C. L. said the latter was "but a boarder there" and deterred him. Wishes she could say Hen. was sorry for her fault. (2, No. 382.)

2142.— **Same to Same.**

Received [young] Master, "wet to the skin and cold at heart" from the dismal weather. Has not been out of doors since Le Neve left. "I only keep Lent beforehand, for 'tis always Christmas when I have your good company." Has a letter from Mr. Cresner. (2, No. 383.)

2143.— **Same to Same, at Harling.**

Should have sent for Master Jacky, but the horse was not fit, so waited for Pert. Will send the boy to-morrow, as Thomas tells her

LE NEVE MSS. he must be taken to Goldsmith's. Mrs. Calthorp has got C. L. a cookmaid from Basham. Lady Calthorp had her four or five years till "the wench gave warning." Does not know what Pert did with the celery. Joe and the gardener sent a basketful; he has no endive. A fig tree and some powder shall be sent. Has heard from Mrs. Cresner, recommending some one to take Miss [Hen., who is apparently in disgrace]. She has often said "My father has told me so a great many times, but I don't believe he designs it." C. L. loves the girl as well as cousin Bookenham does, but is not blind to her faults. Plater's man brought Mr. Earl a horse and the enclosed letter from Lady Plater, and one for C. L. from cousin Bell, who has had plenty of dancing. Henham and Sotterley [Suff.] balls are over. Lady Rous has an ague. Sir Thos. Rob "is very unfit for human conversation." (2, No. 383a.)

2144.— **C. L. to Oliver Le Neve,** at Harling.

Has some arrears of sleep to get over. "I plainly find I am no wit, for four hours in a night will not agree with me." Mr. Lake having invited them yesterday to meet Mrs. Vardin, Bell and C. L. took the chaise and Mr. Harling for escort, but persuaded Miss to stop at home. The brawn is being collared, there will be but four: Mr. Lubbock has taken great pains with them. Has no sage tea, but sends some coffee instead; Sir John always said it was brave when he had it here. Service to Sir Ed. Bacon, duty to Sir John, and "love to honest William." Harling was only going to paint C. L.'s chamber: she told him all the chimney-pieces and doors in the house. (2, No. 384.)

2145.— **Same to Same.**

Could almost have saluted Jack when he brought Le Neve's letter. Does all she can for Miss Hen. Gave her steel and white wine last week, but it did no manner of good. C. L. is frightened, advice must be taken, as she dare do no more out of her own head. The rats cut a great hole through the tapestry in the best chamber; they are continually watched, but the green garret is almost devoured. Believes "the old rogue of a rat-catcher has brought us an army of them;" wishes they were engaged against the French. Little Harling is here, and Mrs. Ann Lake and Mrs. Martha Sachiveral visited us yesterday and played cards. Poor Mat. would go home alone at twelve o'clock, the other is there still; she tumbles about with Hen. bravely. Le Neve and Mr. Looker might just as well send home their dirty linen. (2, No. 385.)

2146.— **Same to Same,** at Darsham.

Was sorry she recommended Rose to live with Mrs. Le Neve: she had not then shown her temper, which is the worst C. L. ever saw. She has wheedled in with the children, who take her part against C. L. If any one can accuse her of doing anything against Le Neve's interest "I'll not refuse to die for it." Is full of preparations for Le Neve's return. Mr. Looker will give him a fuller account of things. My dear sister joins with me in service and thanks for kindness to poor Jenny. Lady Pettus is about to lie in. Expects Sir John Gawdy will come back with Le Neve. The half hogshead of white wine has not come. Lubbock shall get half-a-dozen at Norwich. (2, No. 386.)

2147.—27 [Nov.?] **C. L.** to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS.

Is almost asleep; the children are quite asleep. Yesterday morning's frost tempted her to walk to Ringland. Mr. and Mrs. Le Neve took it very kindly. They kept them there till two this morning waiting for the moon. Mrs. Neve gave cousin Bell the picture on the cherry-stone. "Dear Master, I am at present tired of the world, for yesterday the boar died." Mr. Woollfor could get me no hams or tongues. Harling and the Mason's are here. Mr. Neave's weather-glass did not give us a minute's warning of the break up of the frost. (2, No. 388.)

2148.—16 June, **Same** to **Same**, Witchingham.

Arrived safely in town, though "my eyes are so full of dust that I can scarce see to tell you so." They all lodge at Mrs. Rose's, and have there "my sister," Mr. Looker, and "your son," Mrs. Haken, and Mr. Rose, and his wife. The dear children bore the journey better than C. L. (15, No. 2654.)

2149.— **Same** to **Same**, Harling.

Her cold is better, but she dares not venture down "till the humour is a little more dispersed." Molly and cousin Bell well. "Miss Hen. is very brisk, and has a hearty stomach, but her cold is bad and her mouth is extremely broke out." Mr. Nelson has been and will stay till to-morrow. Kind love to Mr. William, and wish him a good journey. (15, No. 2655.)

2150.—21 Oct., **M. London**, Rackheath, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Norwich.

Her sister's letter followed her to Lady Bacon's, as she and Lady Pettus were leaving for Rackheath. Cannot go into Suffolk with Le Neve, though she gives him a thousand thanks for his kindness, as Lady Pettus has taken so much pains to "fetch and carry me too and froe;" she feels her ladyship has a right to her. (15, No. 2656.)

2151.—2 Sept., **C. L.** to **Oliver Le Neve**, London.

Poor Jane has been ill again, but Dr. Lake and "I" have set her on her legs again. Had a letter from cousin Book. to send to Thorpe for Miss Hen., "which accordingly I did—Cousin Bell in Mr. Eglinton's chariot. She sent a bill of charges for new stays . . . . I had three yards of Lubeck to pay for." They have had a house full of workmen ever since Le Neve left. "A sad exchange to take away the only thing that can make us happy, and fill us full of dust and vermin, to which belongs nothing but 'misery.' "Is glad to hear that coffee is grown cheap. Asks for three or four ounces of green tea and three or four pounds of almonds of the "second sort, for they are good enough for cakes." (15, No. 2657.)

2152.—2 Sept., **C. L.**, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Was so tired with the journey when she last wrote she scarce knew what she said. The children are well, and have been all let blood. Mr. Neve called, and wondered at their being in town, though he had been told of it. "He said his wife should wait on us to-day, which kept us within till six o'clock, but she never came, so I don't doubt but she is in a high huff." Asks Le Neve to tell her what to do about it. "The stays are making, and the tailor promises fair, though I am

Le Neve MSS. discouraged by all that know him from taking his word." Will. was here this morning; if he stays in town much longer I believe "he'll be fit for Bedlam." Forgot to measure the closets for the paper; can Le Neve guess the quantity, "for they were so afraid of their treasure that they brought away the keys." They were this evening at Mr. Haken's. (15, No. 2658.)

2153.—3 June, **C. L.** to **Oliver Le Neve,** at Capt. Millisent's, at Barham, near Linton in Camb.

"I cannot alter my style to you notwithstanding my preferment. I was much surprised, I must own, at the title you gave me till I saw the reason, and then did not find myself in the least exalted." Her highest ambition is to be "your humble servant." Has been again disappointed by the "confounded tailor." Has got stockings and socks for Le Neve, as Mrs. Thacker told her he wanted them. "Miss Nany has had a fever, God send her dear Aunt always to keep her, I say. She is finely well again; I suppose the fear was the greatest danger." Has taken the whole coach for Saturday; hopes to meet Le Neve at Walden [Essex]. "Will. is ready to hang himself, for now 'he can't come down,' being so entangled with business." Would Le Neve like some extraordinary Florance at 5*s.* 1*d.* the chest. Mrs. Rose and daughter come with them. (15, No. 2659.)

2154.—28 June, **Same** to **Same.**

Has received his letters. Sent a letter to Bow, "which brought Madam [Mrs. Peter Le Neve] to town next day. She vented her passion and invited us to Bow." C. L. went with the children from Saturday till Monday. They were much "made on, but she will not meddle, as she phrases, it to help me buy the clothes, though I courted her much for it. . . . . All people here are so prodigious fine that really it will cost a great deal to make yours but decent." The "devilish tailor" will prevent her coming down till Saturday sen'night. Mr. Rose can't hear of the nogg; he was with Mr. Wilson, who says it was never put on board of him. Mr. Tryon is gone down again. The children are well, and much delighted with London. They are all dining to-day at "my cousin Arminger's." . . . "Mr. Looker will have his put in" to say he will take care of Le Neve's concerns. Is afraid she cannot get the scarlet and green hangings; she has been to all the great shops. Will Le Neve tell her what other colours will please him? (15, No. 2661.)

2155.—23 Jan., **Same** to **Same** at Sir John Gawdy's in Harling. To be left at Mr. Haskin's in Larlingford.

Is sorry Mr. Butts did not hold his resolution of going to Le Neve. "On Sunday morning I got up early to write to you, but found the spark was not in so much haste as he was the night before. Indeed, Master, now you were not only gatless in forgetting this paper, but in forgetting where you laid it. I am almost frozen with looking in your study for it, and at last found it in your scrutore. I was very careful in my search, and misplaced none of your papers." They are all well. (15, No. 2662.)

2156.—5 April, **Chris. London** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Obedience to her lady's commands, makes her write now to Le Neve. They are every minute in expectation of the Henham family, which prevents "my lady" from writing herself. "My lady" sends her love, blessing, and thanks for Le Neve's letter and care about the

coach; but she has now written to Sir Robert Bedingfield her positive orders. "I told her before, I dare be very confident you would never encourage her to take one from Norwich, but her harness being so lately bought she sent for none to her new coach." She expects Snell will "new firm them up again." "My lady" had sent to Sir Ro. Bedingfield before she received Sir Nevill Cutting's letter. She hopes nothing will prevent her seeing Witchingham as soon as she gets her coach, but she hopes to see Le Neve and "my dear cousin" at Darsham first. Sir John, who has arrived, would fain say something in this letter, but Chris. will not let him, as it concerns her. "My dear cousin Knyvett" sends love and service. Hopes all faults will be excused as she is in "voilant hast." (15, No. 2663.) LE NEVE MSS.

2157.—28 Feb., **Chris. London** to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Mr. Rose's, The Two Golden Eagles in Ludgate Street, London.

Is rejoiced that Le Neve got no harm by his fall. They are very dull, "for we have a manless family." Master Jacky has gone, and Mr. Wright went at the same time. Mr. Looker has gone to Sir Jo. Woodhouse's. Mr. Looker and Lubbock went a fishing this week and got eight brace and a half of picks at one drag, "which they were very brag on"; but poor Don was hunting that day and had not the honour of partnership, for he catched "neither cock nor duck. . . ." Mrs. Cresner is "much yours." Service to Mr. and Mrs. Rose and little Bett. "My tool is so bad I could not make a figure of 8 without a blot." (15, No. 2791.)

2158.—12 June, **Same**, Hadiscoe, to **Same**.

The latter end of the week is to meet her sister at Sister Girling's, and then goes home to get "your house in order to receive you . . . ." Mrs. Lamb has not "used her spark very civilly, for at first she gave him all the encouragement imaginable, and since has refused to see him without giving any reason, so there's an end of that, I believe." . . . . Cousin Bell went to Sotterly [Suff.] this day sen'night, for she dare not run the hazard of disobliging my Lady Playter to oblige Lady Ann, but I hope now she has pleased all, for she went home on Saturday last to go to Beck Hall yesterday. Cousin Peg would be glad if Le Neve would enquire after her tea and snuff; it would infinitely oblige her cousin London. C. L. will be at Bungay [Suff.] Thursday or Friday. (15, No. 2793.)

2159.— **Same** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

[This letter is signed T. L. N., with a postscript signed C. L., who evidently pretended to write for Le Neve's wife.]

Has been something out of order since Le Neve left. They have had a great deal of company from Cockfield, but none of the family. "Mr. Perce and Laurance Rouse wanted your company; they dined here, and played at cards till dark. Sir John Rouse continue very ill . . . . . my cousin Rouse and cousin Grey are both here now"; the latter will leave this letter at the Bridge. Hopes the business goes on apace, and that he has found another mason. Hen. sends her duty. Has had a letter from Lady Playter to wish Betty Cooper for Lady Bliss. Hopes Cradle carried Le Neve well yesterday. Ends, "Dearest soul, thy passionate, loving wife." Postscript.—C. L. sends her service, and is "your faithful, humble servant." (15, No. 2797.)

Le Neve MSS. 2160.—12 Nov. [before 1704]. **John Millecent**, Barham, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Le Neve's late gardener, Rob. Keys, came to him last Thursday. Millecent has engaged him. Tho. Richers is much concerned at the horses proving so bad. He brought all the timber he sold to Lynton [Camb.] and elsewhere with that horse. Poor Tom is grown extremely "melancholy about his bargain, his landlord demanding his rent as soon as Michaelmas day past, and yet performs not agreements." Service to good cousin and pretty Mrs. Hannah. (16, No. 3007.)

2161.— **Same**, Barben Mill, to **Same**, at Sir John Gawdy's house, West Harling.

Could not get to Harling owing to Tom's obstinacy and the boy's roguery: but if Le Neave stays till the weather breaks he will meet him to hunt a deer. (10, No. 1629.)

2162.— **Same**, Cambridge, "by Mr. Parham," to **Same**, Witchingham.

Would like to know what has become of the horse Le Neve said was so fit for him. As he has not heard, suppose Le Neve cannot spare him. Is uncertain whether he will have Mr. Tavers' mare. Is at Cambridge "about our petition." (10, No. 1696.)

2163.— **Same** to [**Oliver Le Neve**].

Apologises for not writing after his kind reception at Mannington. Has bespoke the hanger as Sir John directed. (10, No. 1759.)

2164.— **Same** to [**Same**].

If he goes to the north for the waters this year it must be within two or three days, and purely for his health. He has consulted both Dr. Thurston and Dr. Green. Wishes [Le Neve] could go too. (16, No. 3029.)

2165.— **Robert Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"About three years ago, when my brother sold me his estate where Ellis, our baker, lives, he continued part of the money in my hand; but being now about marrying a daughter, he sent to me some time since to let him have his money at New Year." Monsey has been disappointed of some he expected, so could Le Neve let him have the £20 he has to make up the sum. Hopes he will excuse this request. Returns the duplicates. Mr. Kendall is now of another opinion, and thinks Monsey's leases obliges him to the taxes. (10, No. 1660.)

2166.— [1709 or 1710]. **Same** to **Same**.

"'Tis about a year since I last made an Axlepiade [?] verse before these which I here present you with, and I did think never to have scribbled in this kind any more, but I can't tell how it comes about the noise we heard every day of Dr. Sacheverell drew me in I know not how, for I could not forbear thinking of him, and what the result of that was you have in the enclosed paper, which I beg your acceptance of. My eyes being too weak to transcribe, I got a few copies printed to present to the Drs. and my own friends . . . . I hope there is nothing in this, my Congratulatory Ode, that will give offence to any that love the Crown and Church, though some others perhaps may not be so well pleased." Please give one of the papers

to Mr. Wright. "The printer tells me Col. Walpole has been with him for inserting his name in the list of those that voted against Dr. Sacheverell, which it seems he had from a printed list that came from London, which for the Col.'s satisfaction he produced, and has since in his news letter told the world it is a mistake, and that the Col. is none of those men, upon which I think I may venture to make the same present to him, but beg your advice in it." Monsey has been in Suffolk at Sir Ch. Bleye's. (10, No. 1659.)

2167.— **Robert Monsey** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

If Le Neve's gardener thinks he will have any asparagus to spare Monsey would beg to be allowed to have 200 at the price Le Neve gave for them. (12, No. 2027.)

2168.— **Same** to **Same.**

Was this morning at Mr. Earle's, "and quickly discovered the true ground of his displeasure." Has represented things to him in their true light, "so that he gave me a letter to the collector to order him to proceed in gathering the assessment, and is willing that you may, if you please, return the abstract (I think he called it) to the Receiver, as it is without any alterations." Hopes his cousin Brees gave Le Neve the paper he had of Monsey when he paid him the £20 by Le Neve's order. Humble service to "your lady and Sir Jn. Gawdy." (12, No. 2030.)

2169.— **Hannah Rous** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Finds it impossible to return thanks enough for favours received when with Le Neve. He knows that writing "is not a talent that belongs to our sext" [*sic*]. Thinks Mrs. Clopton [?] has "great courage to venture on a black coat. I thought she had known them too well. "The old gentleman . . . . had much better keep to his old discourse of dogs and horses." (2, No. 362.)

2270.—6 March, **John Rous, Jr.**, of Henham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Thanks Le Neve for his three weeks' entertainment. Sir John goes to-morrow to Kirby, and will send Le Neve's money to Mrs. Pratton's. The Darsham family were most civilly received the other day at Cokefield. "My lady grows as fat as a bear." Rous's head-quarters, till his father returns, will be Jack Sparham's. (2, No. 391.)

2171.— **Sir John Rous** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has ordered Le Neve to put up the hollies Le Neve asked for. Is very busy about the d——d elections; they are not quiet, "scarce an hour without expresses." Thinks there is going to be some trick; the Sheriff has not got the writ. Perhaps they are waiting "for a new Sheriff fit for business. . . . . I can't think the reasons given for this dissolution as grounded upon the addresses to be strong enough to run the hazard of a new Parliament; they be flatterers, not to be relied on." John Clark is waiting for the letter. (2, No. 366.)

2172.— **John Rous, junr.**, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Is glad Le Neve waited on Mr. Coke. Rous was not ill enough to keep his chamber, yet too ill "for Yarmouth voyage." Expects to see Hoskins every day when Rous will be tied by the leg. Dick Golty sends service. (2, No. 390.)

Le Neve MSS. 2173.— **Sir John Rous** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Thanks Le Neve for his "kind but melancholy present." Fears that the long drought has so spoiled his marshes that Le Neve's horse is not much improved. Charles Hoskins has not yet come. (2, No. 367.)

2174.—15 August, **John Rous, jr.**, Henham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Could not come to Witchingham, as cousin Hoskins [who married Hannah Rous] is at Henham. Will come when he gets his hawk "in flying . . . . if you could help me to a dog that has been hawked you would do me knight's service." Tell Bladwell people are as extravagant in their wigs as ever. "Your maid" [Hannah Rous] sends her service. (2, No. 361.)

2175.—[New year.] **Same** to **Same.**

[The commencement of this letter is cut off. It apparently apologises for delay in answering one of Le Neve's, which arrived "when all the tenants were here]." Has spoken with Tomson about fish; none to be had; will send his man to see for sprats. "I sat up last night, and my eyes are ready to drop out of my head." Sir Edmund Bacon sends his service. Happy New Year to cousin Neve, wife, and London. (2, No. 360.)

2176.—4 April, **Same** to **Same.**

Would have come to Witchingham had he not heard of Le Neve's London journey. Has plenty to tell of the diversion he had in Surrey, but will keep it "till I've a view, for you must know I talk now only in hunting terms." If Le Neve thinks he fallen in love with letter writing he is "plaguily mistaken." Service to cousin Neve and Chris. and kind love to Rous' wife. Has bought "the finest filly foal in England of Sir T. Parsons." (2, No. 359.)

2177.—10 Jan., **Same** to **Same,** Witchingham.

Objurgates "old Long" for spoiling Rous' pistols, which must be taken to London to be "onscracht" [*sic*] again. "We have set up and danced like fairies." Can he serve Le Neve at London or in Surrey? Will not forget his huntsman. Mr. Rosse is very well again but disinclined to part with the foal. Sister Hannah is also well. Service to all, not forgetting Mr. Jot and the Captain. (2, No. 357.)

2178.— **Same** to **Same.**

Believes Le Neve will like the gelding; it is an improving horse, but the price has risen £5. Rous'grey mare has been in a salt marsh, and nearly cured her wind. Wishes the election well over. Intends to be at Sir Horace Pettus', when he will see Le Neve. Service to cousin Le Neve, Mad London, and the rest. Cousin Bedingfield sends service. (2, No. 355.)

2179.—19 Oct., **Same** to **Same.**

Has the ague as bad as ever, or would be at Witchingham. Hopes to be better acquainted with Le Neve's lady. Service to cousin London, if with Le Neve, and honest Loker; "my duty to my wife." (2, No. 354.)

2180.—[Sunday morning.] **John Rous, jr.**, Henham, to **Oliver Le Neve.** LE NEVE MSS.

Writes to say his father was taken ill going to Sir Edmund Bacon's. The doctor let him blood. When the pain abates he has a fit of sickness. Dr. Parham has been with him ever since Friday. Doctors think there is no danger. (2, No. 363.)

2181.— **Phill Rouse** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

"My brother, being somewhat lazy," sends word that the doctor says the distemper is going off. The doctor said the same last Monday at Norwich, but for all that, on Tuesday night, Sir John was thought to be dying, and gave his children his blessing. (2, No. 364.)

2182.— **Hannah Rous** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Thanks her dear master for favours received when with him. Sir John mends but slowly, and has to be lifted by four men when his bed is made. Service to cousin Bell and Miss Hen. Hannah's brother went yesterday to Ipswich. (2, No. 365.)

2183.—New Year, **Same** to **Same.**

Her brother went yesterday to Southwold and got some sprats, and they have been sent by Peart. "My cousin John is a coming to you very quickly, and I am to go behind him." On Thursday they will be at Glover's, but not "to stay long, for their father goes with them, or we giddy girls should stay longer than they. Col. Kny[vet?] is now here." Sends her service to "my mistress," hopes her illness is only the effects of lying in the chapel chamber. "Service to Miss Rous and my sister." (15, No. 2653.)

2184.—16 Sept., **J. Rous [Jr.]**, Henham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** at the Two Spread Eagles, in Ludgate Street.

Desires Tom Rose to send away the wine, "and I'll pay as I drink, that's *supernaculum.*" Service to Mr. Looker. (15, No. 2644.)

2185.—Fast Day, **Sir J. Rous** to **Captain L'Neve,** at Witchingham. To be left at Mr. Pratten's, in Norwich.

Mr. Glover desires Le Neve's assistance for a friend of his, one Slasey, "who has been in Her Majesty's service at sea, and is since fallen so blind that he is almost incapable of any employment . . . . so begs a pension out of your county." He will be at the Sessions with a petition, and is a good principled man. Has received the knives from Mr. Quear; when Rous knows the purchase he will send the money to Mrs. Pratten's. (15, No. 2645.)

2186.—15 Jany., [**H.**] **Rous**, Henham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Acknowledges his favour. Can't but lament the loss of Jacob. They are all well, "only colds, which are in fashion, so that can't be a trouble since 'tis gentle." Her brother has not yet gone to Ipswich, but he is now at Gillingham. Wanted cousin Bell sadly, for she had forgotten all her dances. Wishes them good sport at Harling. "Service to Sir John and the dear Esqr. I suppose you will not have time to see Stiff Dick . . . . By this time you may have reason to wish me hanged." Service to cousins. (15, No. 2646.)

Le Neve MSS. 2187.— **Sir J. Rous** to **Captain [Oliver] Le Neve.**

Too ill to meet Le Neve. Has had two fits of ague, and dares not venture out of his chamber; "being unwilling to take up its winter quarters, I fear our subterraneous bottle and pipe gave me this cold." Desires he will acquaint Sir Charles and the Judge of his illness. Will not be able to meet Le Neve at Cookfield. Cannot tell whether "these melons" are worth "your lady's" acceptance. (15, No. 2647.)

2188.—29 March, **J. Rous [Jr.]** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Hopes soon to see him. Expects a couple of dog hounds for Le Neve; will keep them till he comes. Is quite broke for a fox-hunter. "My bald horse is past recovery of the glanders. I was offered 30 guineas for him this winter, and now I think him dear of 2. Ring-bone, that I thought of sending you for your boy, has carried a boy fox-hunting all the winter, and is quite rid of his lameness." Service to all the family, but "especially to my wife, and tell her I'm as constant as the day." (15, No. 2648.)

2189.—28 March, **H. Rous** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has written to Tom Blowers about her shoes, to make her a pair of the thinnest "gentle" leather he can get ("for you must know they are for dancing"). Hopes Le Neve will come to them soon. (15, No. 2650.)

2190.—29 March, **Sir J. Rous,** Henham, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Is much obliged to Mr. Peart "and eke also his horse for their inclinations to this place," as it gives Rous an opportunity to enquire after his friends. Is glad they are all so well in this sickly time; he and his daughters have agues. Hen. has no faith in the Jesuits' bark, and has a mind to try some other experiment. "We have at present our Lord Lieutenant, though every post we expect to hear of his removal; the phanaticks has talked him out of his place. We are very busy about election work. I don't hear of any opposition like to be in your country." Is going to Mr. Ashley's to an oyster feast. Ends "not your most obedient (as some say), but in all sincerity, your affectionate kinsman and servant," &c. (15, No. 2649.)

2191.—7 July, **J. Rous [Jr.]** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve.**

Would have waited on Le Neve if Cos. Hoskins had not promised to be with them. Wishes Le Neve had been with them yesterday upon the channel. His father strained one of his feet; has some of Tom Rose's plaster to it. "The coach is ready to go to Saxmundham [Suff.], where I'm to treat all the ladies with cherries, which will be a great fatigue to your humble servant." (16, No. 2642.)

2192.—12 Aug., **Sir J. Rous** to **Capt. [Oliver] L'Neve,** Witchingham.

Has received a warrant for a buck from Elmham. Can Rous' servant and horses refresh themselves at Le Neve's. Hopes Le Neve will take what piece of the buck he likes best. "Sir Edmd. Bacon is now here, and just come out of the garden; what we have been doing you cannot choose but guess." Are going to the bowling-green.

"Were Mr. Looker here he might a second time have taken up his resting-place in the coach. My cousins, he and she Buck, we expect to-morrow. The family of Darsham . . . . is very well . . . . Ch. and wife talk of going next week. (16, No. 2643.) LE NEVE MSS.

2193.—26 June, **Hannah Rous** to **Oliver Le Oliver**, Witchingham.

Cannot tell him the day of her wedding, but does not expect the gentleman till the end of the week, and hopes Le Neve will come. Will try to visit him afterwards at Witchingham for three or four days. Father, mother, and brother John are gone to "your most obedient's, where poor I must not show my head, being so unhappy as to have disobliged my lady." (2, No. 389.)

2194.—28 July, **H. Hoskins** [Hannah Rous] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham; to be left at Mrs. Pratten's, Norwich.

Takes this opportunity of telling her dear master that on Tuesday she called up all the courage she had, and ventured on the hazardous state of matrimony, not without fear and trembling. Does not suspect Mr. Hoskins, for everyone must own he is good humoured. They hope to wait on Le Neve soon. Fears before all the neighbours have been she will be fit for nothing but her bed, for she is sadly weary already. "Here is nothing but confusion." Service to the young ladies and Mrs. London. Her mother will write as soon as the hurry is a little over. "'Tis thought my Lady Kempe is dead." (15, No. 2772.)

2195.—2 August, **Sir J. Rous** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve.**

"Had not your servant been lighter heel'd than Mr. Bales's horses, you had heard from me by him, but I suppose he was at Leonard* Bridge before I got down. Last week the "Parson performed his part." Hopes to visit "your county" as soon as harvest is over, and they may perhaps get to Hunstan [Camb.] They are suffering much for want of water; "your cascade would be much more serviceable than our natural fountains." Has sent for a buck to Elmham; will Le Neve lend the servant a horse to P. Knights' to bring the buck to Le Neve's house, and then to come to Rous' with all haste. Expects from Cockfield "your most obedient gent. *cum multis aliis* . . . . . My Lady Kempe is this day buried. Darsham family is now at my cousin Buck's." (15, No. 2651.)

2196.—10 Sept., **Hannah Rous** [Hoskins] to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Cannot speak certainly as to her father's recovery; the doctor is just giving him something "which he says shall do great wonders." Her brother must see the horse before doing anything. We have not had time to sleep, for we are but just come to have two watchers at a time, we have had four." Her husband is away. Mentions her cousin Kny[vett?] Fears Mr. Layer has forgotten to give Mr. Lucre [Looker?] a hound; "sure all your sext [*sic*] is not so fickle as he." (2, No. 353.)

2197.—9 Nov., **J. R.** [Sir John Rous] to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Had a letter from the young senator last post: "he is very well, but not pleased, for we can't expect they should do us any good; if they can but prevent mischief 'tis all we can hope from them; but

* Leonard for Lenwade.

LE NEVE MSS. they have got an honest chairman of the Committee of Privileges. I don't see that either the Lords or Commons take any notice of that part of the Q.'s speech concerning a Union with Scotland. I can't see what advantage but rather confusion must proceed from it, therefore I fancy 'tis only an amusement." Fears he has disobliged Darsham family by the diversion of the estate, "because that farm is raised £20 per ann. I am sure if they had chose that estate, valued as 'tis now left, my son would have been £400 a loser. . . . . Since the screws came I have set up the trade of casting of them. I made a very good one yesterday, and will at it again." They are all as well at Onstead [Oxted, Surrey?] as can be expected. Phill. has a small return of the ague, and Mrs. Hoskins not very well. Pert hastens him, he is somewhat ill. (15, No. 2652.)

2198.— **Hannah Hoskins** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Mr. Hoskins cannot write, his hawk having hurt his hand, but sends thanks for favours received when at Witchingham. He hoped to have seen Sir John Parsons' strong horse, to send an account of it, but could not go, being so busy putting the hounds to rights. "He leaves me every day by six o'clock, which is a sad thing, but I am married, God knows." He sent Le Neve a pot of salve to Mr. Rose's. (2, No. 370.)

2199.—23 July, **Same,** Henham, to **Same.**

Is concerned that her dear master should think that she only wants the will to come and see him. He has often told her that when she was married it was her duty to study her husband's convenience, and "not run gatlessly about to please myself." Thinks she must make haste home, as she looks for Mr. Hoskins every day. Service to cousins and Chriss. Supposes "my Sweeten" is not with them. Lives in hopes of seeing Le Neve at Oxted [Surrey]. (15, No. 2773.)

2200.—12 Aug., **Same,** Limpsfield [Surrey], to **Same.** To be left at Mr. Rose's, next door to the Old Boy in Ludgate Street. "Pray send this as soon as you can."

Thanks "your lady" for her kind intelligence, but I "am afraid she will be above my work, for I keep but two, and my own maid must clean three chambers when I have company, and always my own. As to wages I never gave but four pound, but for a good servant will give five." She can come down in the stage for a week or fortnight, and Mrs. Hoskins will bear her charges, and send to Cryden [?]* for her. Wishes Le Neve a good journey into Norfolk. "My sister and Dear send service." Ends, "your most obedient servant, but not like my friend Sir Charles." (15, No. 2775.)

2201.—19 Oct., **J. Rous** [jr.], Henham to [**Oliver Le Neve.**]

Is much obliged to Le Neve for the trouble he has been at. Goes to London on Monday next. [Postscript by Sir J. Rous.] Presents his service. Wants to drink a bumper to him. Service to Capt. Millecent. (16, No. 3067.)

2202.—22 March, **Sir J. Rous,** Henham, to **Mr. Robert Wright,** at Great Witchingham.

Received his letter. "Your list was very welcome to me, for in

* Croydon?

nine days I shall set out for Newmarket." Fears it will be but a pitiful meeting. Hopes he will see Wright on the Plate days. Has not heard of Capt. Neve. Hopes Wright will soon come to Henham. Service to "all the little family you are in." (16, No. 3068.)

2203.— **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve**, at his house in Witchingham.

Earle's cousin, James Calthorpe, having promised his company at dinner, Earle asks Le Neve to come likewise, together with Sir John and the Captain. As Lady Rant is also coming, begs his cousin "your lady's" company to add to the entertainment. (16, No. 2913.)

2204.—1 Jany., **Edward Earle**, Heydon, to [**Oliver Le Neve**].

"The potter will make some according to your order, and burn them the next kiln." He asks 18*d.* a piece for them, which Earle considers very unreasonable, and thinks Will. Freeman might get them as good and much cheaper of his potter. (16, No. 2923.)

2205.— **Erasmus Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"£70 I received by your servant, which I think is more than my due," will therefore set all right next Thursday at the bowling-green. "I am now a widower, and should be glad to be comforted with your company." (16, No. 2929.)

2206.— **Edward Earle** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

When at Heydon yesterday Ed. Earle put his cousin Earl in mind of the beagles. Shirtock has got a place where the hounds will not be useful, so the pack will be parted. Le Neve can take what he pleases, and had better come and see them to-day, as cousin Earle goes to the sessions to-morrow. "Dinner-time will be most proper." (16, No. 2927.)

2207.— **Erasmus Earle** to [**Oliver Le Neve**].

Is satisfied with Le Neve's letter concerning the mares. Earle ordered Mr. Parke to acquaint Le Neve about them. Is sure Le Neve has more value for his friend, as well as regard for his own honour, to "offer at any such sordid action." (16, No. 2929.)

2208.— **Same** to **Same.**

Is obliged to Le Neve for his advice, and prays that "all your undertakings may be for the honour of yourselves, the good of the county, and the advancement of the Church of England." (16, No. 2940.)

2209.— **Same** to **Same.**

Has just returned from Gunton, and met "with a good, pretty dose of wine." Is pleased with the tobacco, and would have been no less pleased if "you had sent a warrant for our buck." Is going with his brother Blackman to the sea-side, and hopes to see Le Neve at Heydon on Saturday. (16, No. 2942.)

2210.— **Same** to **Same.**

Thought to have seen Le Neve with Capt. Symonds, but was prevented by Capt. Armiger's and another gentleman coming. The Captain will take all care of "him," keep him as his servant, or get

Le Neve MSS. him with some other captain, and acquaint Le Neve "how he must be equipped and rigged out according to the voyage. On Tuesday they will go to Mitton" (Metton?). (16, No. 2947.)

2211.— **Erasmus Earl** to **Madam** . . . . .

Sends his butler's brother for a servant, and gives him a good character. He believes him to be "a very pretty servant." (16, No. 2968.)

2212.—14 June, **Same** to [**Oliver Le Neve**].

Reminds Le Neve of his promise to procure him nine or ten gallons of brandy. The meeting at Heydon to-morrow put it fresh in his mind. (16, No. 2998.)

2213.— **Same** to **Same**, Mannington.

Hears that a tenant of his, one Cubitt, is imprisoned at Mr. Page's suit upon bond of £4 for performance of covenant. It is found after a fair reckoning that Page is rather the debtor. The matter is to be referred to Le Neve on Saturday afternoon at the Castle of Saxthorpe. (16, No. 3049.)

2214.— **A. Halcott**, Litcham, to **Mr. Neve**, Witchingham, "with a beagle."

Has sent the beagle, her name is Venus. If she is not to be Le Neve's turn, Capt. Gawdy might be willing to accept of her. (15, No. 2720.)

2215.— **A. Halcott**, Lytcham Bell, to [ ].

Has received a letter from Mr. Lewkener L'Estrange to let him know he was sent for to Sir Nicholas L'Estrange's, at Hunstanton, so that he can't possibly wait upon Capt. Le Neve. Will his correspondent let him know if the captain will accept of some small beagles or old ones. Please to send Halcott's mare by bearer. (15, No. 2708.)

2216.— **Same**, Lytcham, to [**Oliver Le Neve**].

Has received his letter, but whether "it took a turn into Lincolnshire marshland, or whether it went further than the sweet town of Lynn," does not know. Met with some disappointment with one he sent to his wife on business, "for the waggoner was so ill-natured to carry it to Lynn, notwithstanding I told him it was about business, and gave him sixpence." Had he heard sooner could have supplied Le Neve with better hounds. If Le Neve still wants a baily his brother Wood has no occasion for such a servant, and would part with his. He is, however, a Roman Catholic. (15, No. 207.)

2217.— **Same** to **Same**, Witchingham, to be left at Leonard Bridge.

Sent to Gunton, "but there would not either man or master own they had received any order from Mr. Grey." Thanks Le Neve for "little Gipsy," which he thinks will be the finest beagle in England. Would have called on his way to Norwich if he had not been prevented by Mr. Wood's coming. Will try and find Le Neve's red beagle. (15, No. 2709.)

2218.— **Same** to **Same**.

Has sent the greyhound bitch Capt. Gawdy desired. Has only seen her run one good course, but she performed that extremely well.

Has just made himself a little garden; knows Le Neve has very fine gardens. Could he send Halcott two or three roots by the waggons? Could supply Le Neve with whelps this summer if he wants any. (15, No. 2710.)

2219.— **A. Halcott**, Litcham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Desires to know Le Neve's commands about the little beagle. Will send her with a couple of others if he wishes it. (15, No. 2711.)

2220.— **Same** to **Same.**

Would have written sooner, but his spouse has been very dangerously ill, she is this day something better; they have all been in great confusion. Will not fail to send Pallace again; she has had whelps, they have kept one to send with her. Returns thanks for the kind present of greens, "as also for Jewell, which proves a very good one." Has several that size if Le Neve wants any. (15, No. 2712.)

2221.— **Same** to [ ].

If this beagle won't do, send to Ben Wills for a hound of his called Tinker. He has not given him to Mr. Heron. Has sent this messenger on to Ringalls [Suff.], if Le Neve orders it can go on to Ketteringham. (15, No. 2713.)

2222.— **Same** to **Same.**

Has sent the dogs and one of the greens desired. Can Le Neve let him have some of his young yews, of which he had plenty from seeds. (15, No. 2714.)

2223.— **Same** to **Same.**

Thanks him for all his favours: begs he will add one more, "the honour of your company at Lytcham." Service to the ladies. (15, No. 2715.)

2224.— **Same** to **Same**, Witchingham.

Is sorry Le Neve should be concerned at the small damage done to Halcott's sword. It was his own carelessness. The beagle he sent runs very fast, "but do not strive in the least; she has a very fine nose, and will use it at its lowest scent, but do not come so well as I would have a harrier; she is out of the best straw that Ld. Richardson had." Would like to meet Le Neve at Col. Walpole's. Begs that Mr. Lucar may be asked not to forget the hollies. (15, No. 2716.)

2225.— **Same** to **Same.**

Has sent some flowers and seeds. Will Le Neve be so kind as to send "three or four inlayes of your carnations that will not break; the white ones edged with red and purple will be most acceptable." Thanks him for favours received. (15, No. 2717.)

2226.— **Same** "from the club," to **Mr. Robert Wright.**

Will he he pay the bearer the 18*s.* due him for horse hire, as he wants the money? Halcott would like to have seen Wright before he went to London; hopes he will write from town. (15, No. 2719.)

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2227.— **A. Halcott** to [ ].

[The top of this letter is torn off: the word "Rockhall" occurs. Halcott begs pardon for some inadvertency.] When he was at Witchingham the Capt. told Halcott he would part with his hound called Oxborough, if so Halcott would like to have it. "Mr. Recorder desires you would send 1lb. of the Capt.'s gunpowder." (11, No. 1917.)

2228.— **T. Herne** to **Oliver L'Neve**, Witchingham.

Since Le Neve abates the gold (? the geld or gelding) of 15 guineas, "I'll rise to 12 guineas; he's nine or ten years old, which must take with him in two or three years." (12, No. 2002.)

2229.— **Same** to **Same.**

Finds Le Neve doesn't care to take money for his horse, but to show he is in earnest Herne offers fourteen . . . . [torn] for him. (15, No. 2747.)

2230.— **Ch. Herne** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

When Herne signed the warrant he intended dining with Le Neve "this day," but was prevented by business. Mr. Bond is in Essex, and cannot attend his duty." The bearer, an insignificant one, and not able without his patron to make a presentment." Will submit to what Le Neve thinks fit as to the rest of the Hundred. (15, No. 2761.)

2231.— **Edm. Harrison** to **Oliver Neve**, Witchingham.

"Here is a young man would fain live with you; he is very sober, and can write and read and can buy and sell." Harrison has been on the common to see what keeping there is for Le Neve's sheep. There are so many there it will be no kindness to send more. Means to keep his own at home. "Your tenants and Mr. Aldrich will be home the second day of June." (15, No. 2667a.)

2232.— **Thos. Edwards** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

His time here is very short, but he will wait on Le Neve to-morrow. (15, No. 2687.)

2233.— **Ad. Meetkirke** to **Oliver Le Neve**, at Mr. Le Neve's, at the Herald's Office.

Is sorry he was so unhappy to be from his lodging when Le Neve called. Goes out of London to-morrow. Will wait on Le Neve this afternoon. (15, No. 2692.)

[Endorsed.—Mr. Meetkerke's two letters].

2234.— **Richard Harris** to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve**, Witchingham, to be left at Mr. Tho. Havers', Goldsmith, in Norwich.

"By the next" hopes to see Rotterdam. Has Le Neve any commands for him? (15, No. 2702.)

2235.— **John Havet** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Wishes Le Neve a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. (15, No. 2607.)

2236.—22 May, **Teressa Norris** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham. LE NEVE MSS.

Reminds Le Neve of the £6 due upon the £100 bond the 2nd February last. Has as yet no thought of calling in the principal. Will give him three months' notice; hopes he will do the same to her. (15, No. 2829.)

2237.— **Sir Horatio Pettus,** Rackheath, to **Capt. [Oliver] Le Neve,** Witchingham.

Has employed a poor woman to gather the parcel of "sentuiry;" wishes he had known sooner that Le Neve wanted it, as it is now going to seed. Some was gathered beyond Bixley and some about Horstead-cum-Staninghall. Gave the woman two shillings. Sends service to "your fair daughters" and cousin London, not forgetting Esqr. Flint and Miss Jenny. "Pray take care of the Freeholders of Attlebridge, Felthorpe, and Horsford, if I can't. I've been about all this day and find most for Harboard and Wymundham in Drayton, Taverham, and Hellesden. . . . . Sir Jo. Holland stands for Bury, and 'tis thought by Lord Harvey's interest will carry his point. It's whispered Robin Walpole will stand for the county in the room of Col. H. My wife promises the chiny shall never appear more." (15, No. 2842.)

2238.—7 Feb., **R. Hare,** Stow, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Was out when the hounds came. Mr. Drake says Le Neve asked 25 guineas for the hounds and 8 for the horse. The dogs do not size his old hounds as well as he could wish, and there are but ten couple and a half. Offers twenty guineas for them and eight for the horse. (15, No. 2790.)

2239.—24 Feb., **G. Pearce,** Aylsham, to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham.

"One of my new raised men has made his escape from the keeper of Bridewell here; do me the favour to grant a warrant for searching and apprehending him as a deserter." (15, No. 2806.)

2240.—12 July, 1702 or 10. **N. Helwis** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Remembers Le Neve charged him at his house with saying some words at Reepham, of £9 per annum "that you were not charged for." Helwis told him he said £7 a year, and also told him from whom he had it. Has not repeated it. Values Le Neve's estate £10 a year or better. Hopes no affection for a neighbour ought to prevent any one doing justice to their own friends. If there was a public breach it was "his fault for producing Le Neve for a witness of what Helwis never said." Never heard Mr. Bladwell say anything declaratory of any intrigue; what he heard was from the parson's wife. Owns he said some such thing to Le Neve at Mrs. Knights', and "thought you had the least reason to divulge it of anybody." Hopes Le Neve won't take it ill if he gets justice done him by some other hands that have not so many stumbling blocks in their way. Justice shall be done to Le Neve. "Mr. Bladwell did rule the company. There was a great feud breaking out at Coniand [?]." [A long and very confused letter.] (15, No. 2840.)

2241.—19 May, **Sir Sewster Peyton,** Stowlangtoft, to **Mr. L'Neeve.**

Has agreed with Le Neve's servant, if Le Neve can spare him, to

Le Neve MSS. to come to him in ten days or fourteen nights. "If he is guilty of any faults be so much my friend as to let me know it." Humble service to Mrs. Le Neeve. Has had a letter from Mr. Davis, who tells him Mr. Noats is just going to marry the widow Fannis. If Le Neve can't spare "this fellow" at this time let Sir Sewster know by the first post. Address to Lady Hare's house in Red Lyon Square, London. (15, No. 2843.)

2242.—26 December, **Colby Peyton** to **Captain [Oliver] Le Neeve**, Great Witchingham.

Cannot get a water dog, but has a spaniel that will hunt, and his father says he will do very well for a gun. Peyton is to come to his uncle Brown's at Elsing the next week, "if the weather be good, with my mother." Can bring the dog with him. Service to all the ladies and Mr. Neave. (15, No. 2846.)

2243.— **Eliz. Story**, "who was Plampin," to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Is ashamed to trouble him, but she has been ill a great while, and forced to move from her old lodgings, and is altogether amongst strangers who are very severe to her; will have to move again before Michaelmas. Owes her landlord some money, who threatens her very hard, which makes her beg Le Neve to send her something. She has sat two days without a bit of bread. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. Plampin who lived at Highgate, where she had the honour to know Le Neve and his brother, who has considered her several times. Please to direct to her at Mr. Halsted's, next door but one to the Crown and Cushion in Princes Street, near Bridgewater Square, near Barbican. (15, No. 2850.)

2244.— **Anne Le Neve** to her sister **Mrs. Le Neve**, against the Red Lyon in King's Street, Bloomsbury, near the upper end.

Is sorry to hear Mrs. Le Neve has been ill of colick, but glad she has outgrown it. Gives her the trouble to buy her some things for the "greeneing and christening suits of looped laced listing, and a mantle to dress it in, something very cheap. Here is a very good velvet one in the house for the outside one, which makes me willing to save that money. I would desire you to send two mantle coats, white lining; dimity or anything you think better in that kind, with a dozen of holland caps of the sort a child wears uppermost, with a pinner, six for a boy, and six for a girl; let them be pretty large. A white linen waistcoat for myself to lye in, and two for a child." Does not desire the things fine, but prettily made. Direct them to be left at Cook's. Would like them "as soon may be." (15, No. 2854.)

2245.—17 June, **Dr. Trimnel** to **Mr. Richard Johnson** [Oliver Le Neve] at Mr. Davis' house upon the Herring Fleet in Rotterdam.

Is glad to find Mr. B. was kind, but the posture is so much altered that he cannot be of much use. "You do not seem by yours fully to know what was done here for you before the Se. went hence." Le Neve has many friends here, "but your business is now to be cautious, and not put yourself into doubtful hands. I believe you can expect nothing to be done till the Se. returns." (7, No. 1259.)

2246.—12 Jan., [Dr.] **C. Trimnell**, St. James' Square, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham. Le Neve MSS.

Is sorry of the ill understanding there is between Le Neve and his college. Has written to some of his friends to help to end the business. Was told by one of the junior fellows in town "that your letters were look't upon to be a little too huffing," a way not likely to succeed with a society, or very proper after a mistake. "You see I speak my thoughts freely." Has no other end but to bring it to a fair composure between them. (12, No. 2152.)

2247.—15 Jan., **Same** to **Same**. John Rose [also] Thomas Rose.

Is glad to hear from his letter of the better state of his affairs. Shall be glad to talk to Le Neve further when he comes back out of the country. (12, No. 2153.)

2248.—25 June, **Same** to **Same**, Witchingham.

Condoles with him on the loss of his wife. Advises him to make a good use of his troubles, &c., &c. Would not mention the business Le Neve spoke to him about, but to let him know he has not forgotten it. "The answer I received referred me and you to that method of ending it which the college had put it in. . . . . My wife joins with me in the tender part, and sends her service." (12, No. 2154.)

2249.—10 April, **Same** to **Same**.

Begs a few hardy greens that can best be spared, "to make my little place here look a little fresh and cheerful. And when your kindness has made it so, I hope you will come and see it, where you will always be very heartily welcome to your old schoolfellow." (12, No. 2155.)

2250.—14 April, **Same** to **Same**.

Thanks him for "your kind and noble present of greens . . . I am sensible how much you have had to abate the pleasure of going abroad, and how much more satisfaction may be taken at home. But still it may be fit for you to mix." Hopes to come in for his share. Trimnel will be upon his visitations soon, but beside these necessary journeys will make very few this summer. (12, No. 2156.)

2251.—17 April, **Same** to **Same**.

The enclosed was left with Trimnel a week ago by Mr. Christmas, who had had it much longer, and who hoped to have had an opportunity of making his apology. "A brother of yours in the Exchequer . . . kindly remembered you." (12, No. 2157.)

2252.—20 April, **Same**, Althrop [Lincs.?], to **Captain [Oliver] Le Neve**, Mannington. "To be sent by the Aylsham post."

Has been to Oxford, where he represented "your case as you gave it me in Common Room." They made great exceptions to the account Le Neve sent, which they desired Mr. Br. to send him. Mr. Warden is not at home, nor is to go this next progress, when Le Neve will be answered more fully. Mr. Christmas comes in Mr. Warden's place, and Mr. Izod is out-rider; Mr. Branthwaith "is your servant." (12, No. 2158.)

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Would be glad to do any office between Le Neve and the college. Knows nothing of the person Le Neve suspects of doing things to his disadvantage. Will write to his friends to ask all that is reasonable. His wife has been out of order since she came to Norwich. Thanks Le Neve and Mrs. Neve for their kind remembrances of her. (12, No. 2161.)

2254.—28 Sept., **Same** to **Same.**

Congratulates him on his marriage. Was last week upon his visitation, and goes out again to-morrow to finish and to return to London. (12, No. 2162.)

2255.—30 Nov., **Same** to **Captain [Oliver] Le Neve.**

Did not know till Dr. Bambridge told him Le Neve was settled at Witchingham; thought the accident to his lady had prevented it. Rejoices to hear she is recovered. Business prevents his seeing Le Neve, though he would have liked to have informed himself more particularly about the affairs of the college. Does not think they are hard masters or unreasonable, especially to Le Neve, "as you was bred up amongst us and are known by your civility to many of us." Does not see why they object to Le Neve's wish that "it may may be viewed and valued." Will do all that a member of New College and Le Neve's friend can do to mediate between them. Goes on Monday into Northamptonshire. Winters in London at "my Ld. Sunderland's house, in St. James' Square." Send this by Mr. Herne, one of our tenants, by the man who usually comes to Mr. Rose's. (12, No. 2163.)

2256.—2 Dec., **Same** to **Same.**

Was sorry he had not got to Norwich brig when Le Neve called at his house, because he has received some instructions about his affair. Hopes to wait upon him and be instrumental in adjusting things between Le Neve and our college. (12, No. 2164.)

2257.— **Robt. Davy** to **Oliver Le Neave,** at Mr. Peter Le Neve's, at the Herald's Office, London.

Does not remember that ever he saw any writing that relates "to the business you write of, or that any way concerns Mr. Le Neve's estate, and I have since made a search amongst the writings of my father and find nothing, and my mother Bacon tells me that she never heard that my father Bacon was concerned." Will let Le Neave know if he finds anything. (9, No. 1517).

2258.— **Same** to [ ].

The Assizes for the County of Norfolk are to be held upon the last of July, "which is a critical day, being two days before the County Court day." Mr. Jo. Loure [?] and Mr. Hare tried to have the day fixed upon the Thursday, "which would have made room for the return of the Exigent this Assizes; but now nothing but extraordinary proceedings give them opportunity for the accomplishment of their designs of taking advantage of an outlawry." There are strange reports about Davy's correspondent speaking ill of the present Government. Hopes he is not guilty of that. Let "our friend" know that all care shall be taken to serve him. It is reported that a lady in this county has given £500 for the apprehension of

him, and the parties to whom this is promised have engaged to forfeit £1000 "if he does not bring him over to the [next?] Assizes. Going on board our ships, or taking pleasure in private boats, or being late abroad a-nights may give an opportunity to effect purposes. Mr. Helwise presents service. (9, No. 1522.) Le Neve MSS

2259.— **Margaret Davy** to [ ].

Is satisfied her cousin Mall is very well. Cannot send her petticoat, "for it is in the chest that you have the key of." As to "the other business," she daily expects Mrs. Bartlets, who can inform her as much as any, and will do as much to further it. She comes as soon as the Lady Ratlife has gone from Besthorpe; M. Davy will then give her correspondent an account of it. (9, No. 1524c.)

2260.— **Peter Le Neve** to **Sir John Vanburgh.**

"I am applied to by Mr. Smith on a search lately made in the office about the arms which were granted by you to one Smith, of Durham, about thirteen years since: how it came to pass that you was concerned (he having no residence or land south Trent) and took the fee of £15 for it when in my province, and would desire to know your opinion about it. I told him at the same time that one Mr. Joddrell, who had £1000 or thereabout in Derbyshire, and would be called of that place in Derbyshire, desired a confirmation of arms without Norroy, seeking particularly from Norroy, the fee whereof was £5, and Norroy passed it and received the £5; but the same Mr. Joddrell having a country seat at Sion Hill in Middlesex, and a house for his family [?] in Chancery Lane, was claimed by Sir John Vanburgh, Clarenceux, as to him belonging, and which fee of £5 Mr. Norroy paid immediately to Mr. Clarenceux, whereupon he asked me if Mr. Clarenceux did not immediately pay to Norroy the £15 for his grant. I answered no, but he told him that he would speak to the then Earl of Suffolk to direct a warrant in his province to Norroy, which was never done, neither doth Norroy desire it, because he thinks it wrong when no pretence of lands or estates in the pound, and though he could wish (if he was not Norroy) that all grants should be directed to receive [?] three kings of arms, Garter, Clar., and Norroy, as formerly have been, and then let them remove residence out of one province into another, it will then be right. Yet he is never to expect that to be done, for reasons too plain—I mean money reasons—which was and will be the tricker of foreign [?] things, so that what the gent desires of me is to let him know the right of this matter." (6, No. 1031.)

"Copy of letter to Sir John Vanburgh about Smith and Joddrell's grants."

2261.— **M. [?] Le Neve** to her brother-[in-law] **Oliver Le Neve.**

Writes to explain why she took Jacky away from Mr. Ford's [see *ante*, Nos. 1547, 1548, 1553, 1554]. The child was not well and not attended to. She had wished that Mr. Ford should not "let him lie in bed with so many boys nor maids, but that he should lie with the chamber-maid only, in a good, warm room." At first they thought his illness was small-pox, and then Mr. Ford was for turning the child out of his house, but afterwards dissembled and turned his tone. "This happened when I was out of town . . . . with my Lady St. George, so when I came home I went to see the child, and

LE NEVE MSS. found nobody with him, so I brought him home, as Mr. Neve ordered me to do, which hath enraged Mr. Ford in a fine degree." The meaning of it was he wanted a maid to attend to the child at Le Neve's charge. His "sacey servants" had said something of the kind to her. Mr. Ford wanted £20 a year with the maid, and £50 for the child, beside washing and fire in his room. Does not believe "Mr. Ford is a saint, to inspire the child with a speech that no other man can do." He has only taught him single words, "as I myself can do." He is capable of learning words from anybody. Till Le Neve comes to town she has bargained with a very ingenious man to come twice a day to teach him for 30*s.* a quarter for this first quarter . . . . "this Ford is a bragging fool. Pardon this blot and hideous scrawl, for I have a swelling in my face, that I can't write it fairer. Miss Nany is very well, and grows a brave lass." (4, No. 742.)

2262.— **N. Helwis** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Has stayed in town at Le Neve's request, on purpose till the coaches came in to see Mr. Kemp, who informs Helwis he has put out the latter's money on mortgage, so cannot accommodate Le Neve. The Land Bank will be "fixt" per "Act" [?], and lend the two millions and a half at £5. 10*s.*, "the wagers of the coals and a vote of the East India Stock shall be two millions." (2, No. 237.)

2263.— **Same** to **[Oliver Le] Neve.**

A friend has just given Helwis "two cupple hounds" [*sic*], and promises to lend three couple more. They are at Neve's service. Asks Le Neve to let the boy have two pair of couples, as Helwis has none. (2, No. 236.)

2264.— **Same** to **Same.**

Asks for warrants against "a number of barbarous murderers, who have traced and destroyed several dozen hares in the snow," viz., Stephen Andrews, Joseph Andrews, Thomas Ingledewe, Wm. Cook of Weston, another man who sold ten or eleven skins, Samuel Meck, Robt. Coods, and John Worship of Merton. Let Tom and Frezer [?] be present to prove it; and Goodman Doron, who saw a man sell a skin, and asked "why he would do so ill a thing near you?" who answered "he had as much to do to kill them where he did, as you or anybody else." (2, No. 235.)

2265.— **Same,** Morton, to **Same.**

An apology for being unable to accept an invitation, through indispensable business. Sends his mother's and wife's humble service. (2, No. 336.)

2266.— **Same** to **Same.**

Asks Le Neve to deal with Andrews as he deserves, and reserve a crown [out of the fine?] for the honest fellow that gave information. (2, No. 338.)

2267.— **Same** to **Same.**

Helwis declines to "act" as Le Neve wishes him to do. Will wait on Le Neve as soon as he can give a satisfactory answer. (2, No. 339.)

2268.— **Jeremy Norris** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Writes for half a year's interest due last February. (2, No. 269.)

2269.— **Same** to **Same**, Witchingham.

Received his letters, and understood Sir John had paid the interest to Le Neve, "who wondered you had not paid it me." Can lend more upon security. (2, No. 197.)

2270.— **Geo. Murray** to **John Millecent**, Bergham, Camb. Lynton bag. [This letter is really meant for Oliver Le Neve.]

Words cannot express his thankfulness to Le Neve for his favours and for saving what he sent over. The sufferings which Le Neve and his lady endured at sea were no small troubles to him. Praises the Lord they are safely arrived, and that "you have such fair hopes of being once again at Witchingham." Sends service to "your lady," Mrs. London, and Mrs. Hobson. Has sent "your lady" a ham by Mills, captain of the Ann yacht, "who will deliver it at your brother Le Neve's, London . . . . [letter torn], and Carley give their . . . ." [Endorsed in another hand.] "Tell Jack I know not what Mrs. Smith he means I am to pay £5 to." [Also in a third hand.] Mr. Murray's "letter to deliver his things I brought over to his wife; that he had sent me a ham by Mills, Capt. of the Ann yacht." (2, No. 1244.)

2271.— **B. Daniell** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

Commences, "Sweet Cousin," and gives an account of her husband's ill health. Asks her correspondent to come and see him, "for I am confident your company would be more use to divert his apprehension of some great danger . . . . than Mr. Smith's physic . . . . he is extremely melancholy." (7, No. 1246.)

2272.— **Elizabeth Tracy** to **[Oliver Le Neve]**.

In her husband's absence is desired by the bearer, Thomas Brown, who was their servant, to explain why he left his master. It was because he could not order his horses as well as he desired, &c. (7, No. 1249.)

2273.—20 Oct. **E. Leighton**, Garnsey [?], to **Oliver Le Neve**.

"Kindness between friends can never come too late, therefore your mindfulness at the last were welcome unto us, not that I would encourage you to be still sparing thereof, lest the use of slackness causing too flat slothfulness." The bearer can inform Le Neve of means to send letters weekly. Hopes Le Neve will have a true dependence on the Overruler of all things, &c., &c. Wishes his family could be contented with such happiness as Leighton's enjoy "in this quiet corner . . . . Mrs. Leighton remembereth her kindness to you both, and I to your two pretty maids. My Lord Zouche hath enjoyned me to recommend him unto you. You shall greatly please me if you help this bearer to some tobacco, both for the quality and the quantity good." (4, No. 745.)

2274.— **Thomas Lake** to **Captain Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Could Le Neve spare one or two couple more dogs. Would like Duchess. Desires all the dogs may be young. His brother Verdon will send for them. [Endorsed—Mr. Tho. Lake's letter about beagles.] (4, No. 748.)

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2275.—25 July, **M. Taylor** to **Mr. Cramps**, at his lodgings in Doctors [Commons].

Here declares to Mr. Cramp and the whole world that she is afraid of her life to live with her husband. He has threatened her life and thrown her downstairs; her sisters are witness to the marks she received. He flung her off his horse and bruised her so that her face was all black, and she was black and blue and reddish green. He cannot bring anything against her except that she has escaped to her father's or sister's house on account of his cruelty, and so neglected her own house. When she came to London she was deserted by her friends, and a gentleman she knew in the country was a very good friend to her, which has made her husband more unkind. (4, No. 752.)

2276.— **E. Howman** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

"My father has just returned out of the country very ill and not capable of writing; he advises the man to take this purging draught to-morrow; let his drink be barley water with figs, raisins, and liquorice, always warm'd, and keep to the sal. prun., sometimes oil of sweet almonds, syr. violets, &c. An ounce of syr. of white poppy in a draught of his pectoral drink at night after purging; bleeding again will be necessary if the pain returns, and be accompanied with a cough and difficulty of breathing. No room for the cortex yet, but my father desires to hear again to-morrow. . . . . We want to know how many days your servant has been ill." (12, No. 1893.)

2277.—16 Aug., **W. Drake** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Hopes Le Neve did not send for the venison upon Drake's account, though he owns it will be very acceptable to Sir John and the captain's servant. (12, No. 1998.)

2278.— **Jno. Drowe** to **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham Magna.

"The master's name is Jno. Swelt; the ship's name is Philip and Ann, at Smart's [?] Quay." Has given Mr. Lubbock the money. (12, No. 2007.)

2279.—22 Aug., **John Bridge**, Pig's Head Alley, Cornhill, London, to **Oliver Le Neve**, Great Witchingham.

"Your brother," Mr. Leneve, has called at Bridge's house for the cocoa nuts to be sent, which Bridge does not understand, as they were delivered to somebody who called for them in Le Neve's name, and the chocolate was delivered to another. Hopes Le Neve will write and explain. (12, No. 2054.)

2280.—Aug., **Same** to **Same**.

Has sent by Blackdunn, the coachman, 6 lbs. of nuts at 3*s*. per lb. The former 6 lbs. were called for, and "my wife thinks by a man that fetched your chocolate; but really I can't say who it was." Is sorry for Le Neve's disappointment and his own loss. (12, No. 2053.)

2281.—9 March [?] [1695-6?]. **B. Hawtrey** to her nephew, **Oliver Le Neve**, Witchingham.

Has heard of the sad news of her poor niece's death, "but why do I say poor, now rich and happy." Some time before her niece in a

letter to her expressed her desire "of your keeping still a nurse she had confidence in to look to the children, and as I remember an allowance for her life of about £6 a year." Hopes Le Neve will pardon this relation; does not doubt his kindness. Mr. Hawtrey's service. (12, No. 2160.)

2282.— **Ralph Hawtrey** to **Oliver Neve,** at Peter Neve's, in the Herald's Office, near Doctors Commons.

"My father did not come to London, as I expected, so I have taken places, in the Uxbridge coach, which is at the Black Bull Inn in Holborn, where you must be at 3 quarters after ten at the farthest." Will meet him. (12, No. 2063.)

2283.—20 Nov., **Tho. Rose,** old Dog Tavern, London, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Had not forgotten the shoes, but can't get such a pair made under 15*s.* Has enquired of "our razor makers" and they do not care to make them, "being out of their way." Has sent the bath [?] and the bell in the box with it. Is now drinking Le Neve's health. (12, No. 2077.)

2284.— **William Smith,** Ketteringham, to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Is sorry to disappoint Le Neve, but his master will not now part with him till his time is expired. Has to attend his master into Lincolnshire. (12, No. 2091.)

2285.—21 Dec., **Ma. Powers** to **Mr. Wright** at Mr. Leneve's, Witchingham.

Is desired by Mrs. Wright to let him know she is exceeding glad to hear of his health and safe arrival at Witchingham. She wishes him to write to his aunt next. Hopes they are all well at Barham [Suff.] "Your dear mother sends you her blessing, &c." (12, No. 2165.)

2286.—21 May, **Tho. Smith,** Northbrooke [?], to **Oliver L'Neve,** Witchingham.

Has written to Col. Oxburgh to wait upon Le Neve for instructions concerning the sheriff and the jurors that are to be returned. Hopes Le Neve will assist him all he can. Went to London to see him, but Dr. Bainbridge told him he was a day too late. Wishes "your lady . . . . would not say I am in England, for fear of giving them a dislike, and Mrs. Norton report it from her by letters out of Holland. Before I surrender myself I intend you a visit, but in the meantime should be glad to hear from you how things are managed, and on what terms I shall be with the Sheriff after surrendering, for I shall die if I lie in prison, and he shall have what security he thinks fit. Pray let me hear from you and direct for me by the name of Tho. Smith, at Sir Robt. Dashwood's, in Northbrooke [Hants?] to be to be left at Mr. Newles, in Bistar [?] by the Winchlow bag." (12, No. 2159.)

2287.—10 June [?], **C. Newsham** to **Oliver Le Neve,** at Mr. Rose's, in Ludgate Street.

Congratulates Le Neve on his success at Bath. He himself is in *statu quo.* Is glad to hear of Mr. Stow's amendment, but fears he

LE NEVE MSS. shall not see either of them at Bath again. Sends his service to "the lady at Bath with you and to your only son." Has been in London eight or ten days since leaving Bath, but is now at Titchfield [?]. (2, No. 261.)

2288.— **Phillip Nicholas,** Deputy Gaoler, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Le Neve's tenant, Thomas Beeston, at sight of his letter wished to speak with him. Nicholas and Beeston will wait on him at his house to-morrow. (2, No. 258.)

2289.— **Henry Rippingall** to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Paid off Madam Eyre's bond, £102. 14*s.* 0*d.* Will bring the bond and Doctor Sarham's endorsed receipt to Le Neve on Friday on his way to Dereham, when Le Neve can sign new bond to the friend who lent the money. Service to Sir John, &c. (2, No. 253.)

2290.—16 April, **Augustus Holl,** Twyford, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Holl would have sent the duplicate [assessment roll?] for the window tax for Twyford to Mr. Secheverell, but deferred it, as Le Neve had appointed Wednesday to hear appeals. Hopes he will abate the hardships laid by the Surveyor on Twyford. (2, No. 324.)

2291.—7 May, **Thomas Harris,** Burnham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

The "commodity" Le Neve writes for is good; Harris pays himself 35*s.* the half-anchor for it. Has procured three, which he will keep for Le Neve. "Wet weather, thank God! for Yarmouth election." (2, No. 332.)

2292.— **Lionel Smith,** North Walsham, to **Oliver Le Neve.**

Mr. Rendle will not sell his coach. Can get Le Neve one almost as good "with a good lining, holds glasses, and a very good carriage, as good as new, and a brand new run of wheels and very good iron axletrees." Price about £25 or £26. Answer to the Popinjay at Norwich. (2, No. 369.)

2293.— **J. Hare** [?] to **[Oliver Le Neve].**

Is laid up with a broken leg, which was well set two months since; does not expect to be out for a month or two. Sends for Le Neve's perusal a history of part [?] of Oxfordshire. Asks for loan of the old register of Dunstable. The book can be returned by "my Br. B.'s maidservant, who comes every week, to be left for Hare at Mr. Smith's. (2, No. 278.)

2294.—10 June, **Rebekah Hart** to **Mrs. Le Neve,** at Witchingham.

Her sister was with Mr. Rose a fortnight ago, but he said he had no orders for Mr. Neve to pay the money. Will call on him again. Is sorry the gloves are not so good as they used to be: will change those that have not been worn. As for Mrs. Smith, Hart is sorry for her, and believes she might have done well "if her husband had been as he ought to be. I hear he is gone to sea. What she cannot serve you in I shall think myself obliged to you to employ me in, but she

must live by her business that she was brought up in. I hear they are broke for six or eight hundred pounds, some say more, but it is a hard matter to know the truth." (12, No. 1980.)

2295.— **Richard Dashwood,** to **Oliver Le Neve,** Witchingham, "with a parcel."

With some difficulty has secured these cuttings from Capt. Wilson's trees. He has five sorts of very fine French pears, but Dashwood could not get a cutting this year. Has sent one by the name of the Winter Bürres, "which is better than the best of that kind, and keeps to January, or longer, in kind years." Has sent by the servant as good melon seed as any in England, and some large seed lately come from Portugal. If Le Neve can spare any more box it would be acceptable. (10, No. 1755.)

2296.— Mem. as to **Richard de Vere.** [In **Peter Le Neve's** hand.]

"Oxon. Earl Richard. Richard de Vere, County Oxon., obit 4 Hen. V., et John de Vere, filius, ætat 9. Oxon., Lond., Buck., Cornwal, Rot. Ebor.—Vide Esch, 4 Hen. V., et Dic. Suff., Northt., Berks., Midd., Cantab., Herts." (5, No. 903.)

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